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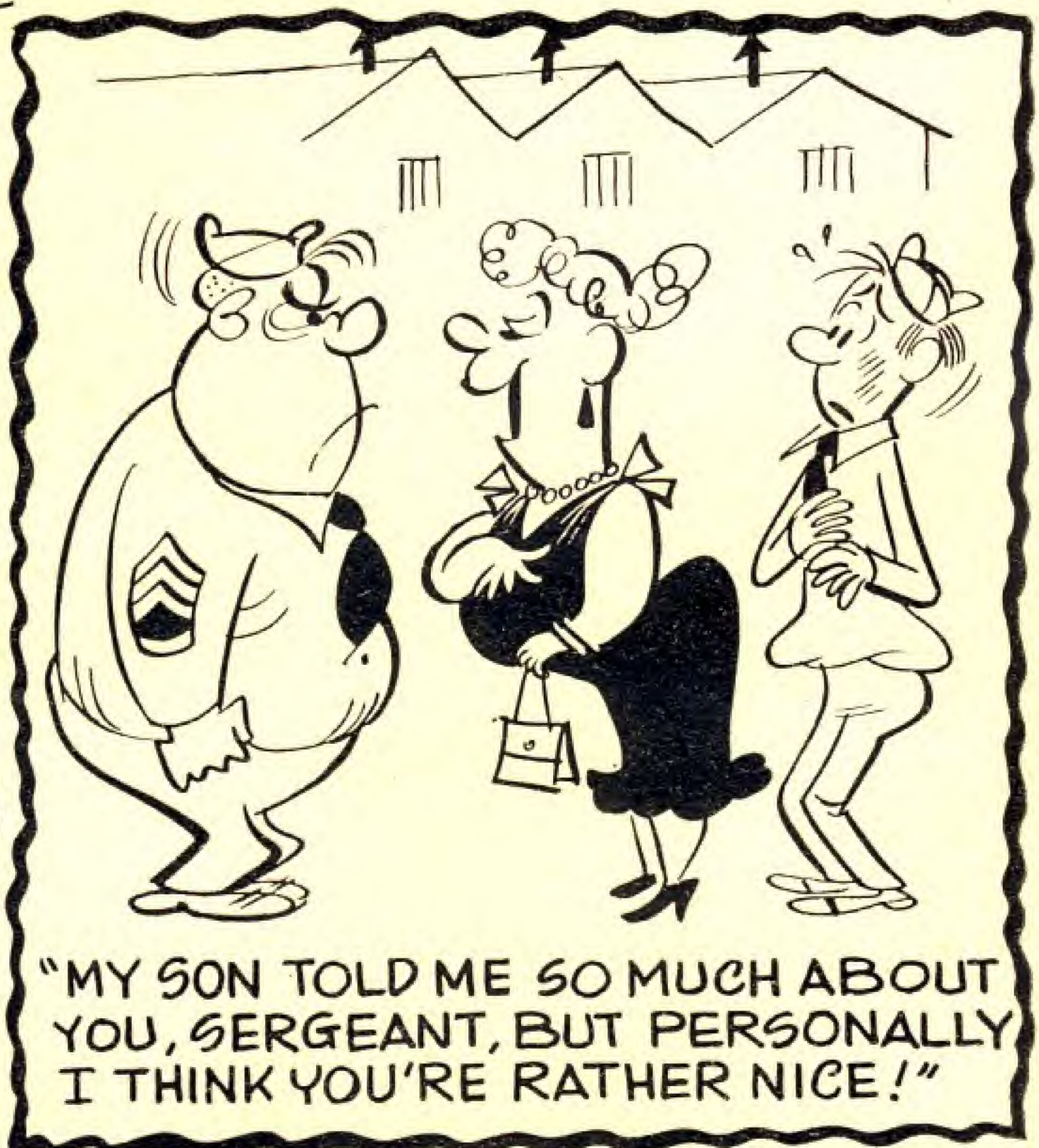
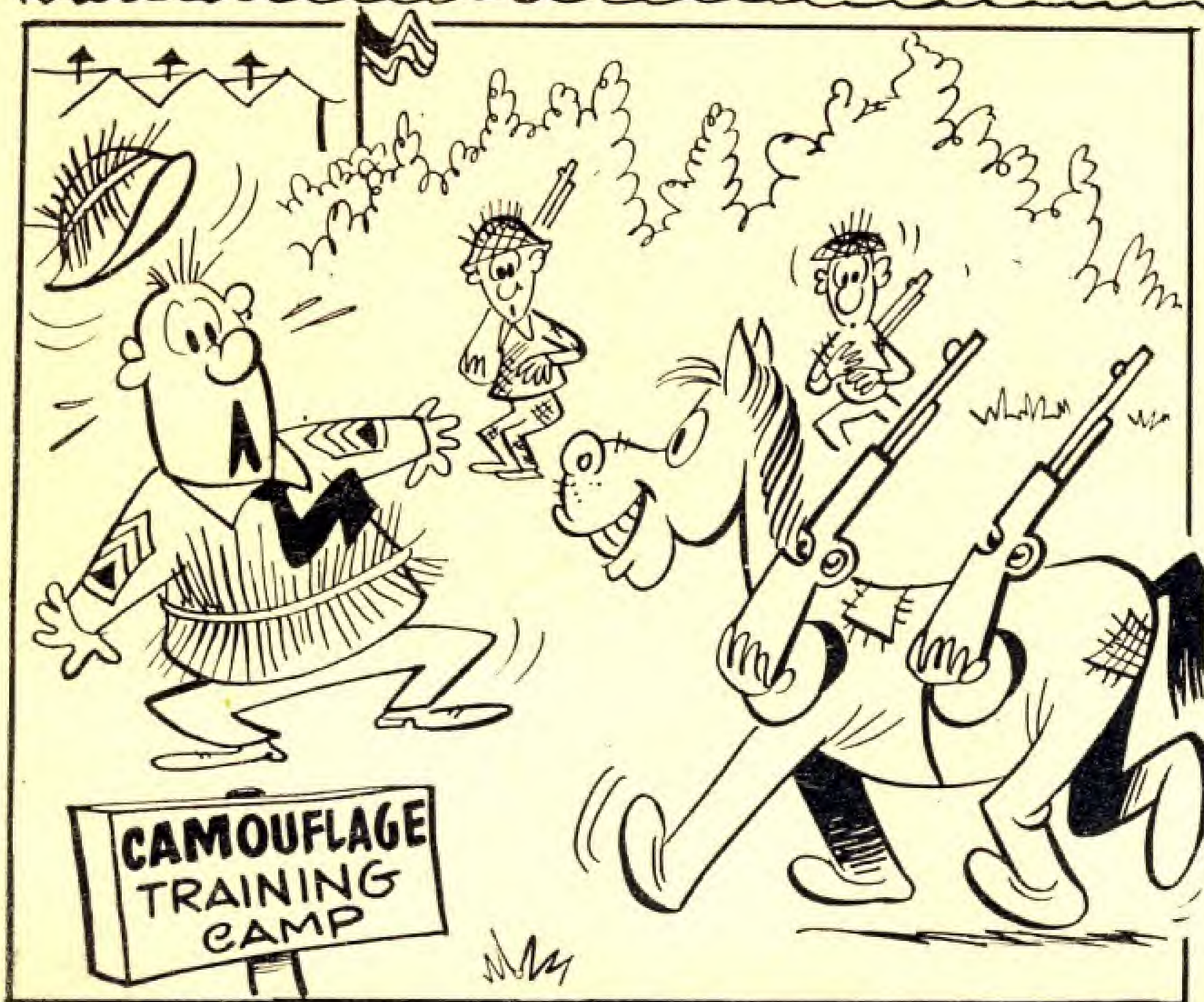
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MEN'S MEMORIES ARE OFTEN SHORT. NOT THAT THEY **WANT** TO FORGET THE THINGS THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED OR SEEN, BUT NEW EVENTS CAUSE THEM TO PUSH THEM INTO THE BACKGROUND; TO TAKE A BACK ROW SEAT IN THE GAME OF LIFE. BUT WHEN THESE MEMORIES ARE REVIVED, THEY ARE AS VIVID AS THEY WERE THEN, NO MATTER HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED. IT TOOK A LETTER FROM THE STATES TO BRING THIS PARTICULAR STORY BACK TO MULVANEY. AS WE SEE HIM NOW, HE IS ABOUT TO TELL HIS "B" COMPANY BUDDIES ABOUT IT...



HEY, JOE! YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHO I GOT A LETTER FROM--NEVER IN A MILLION YEARS!

IN **YOUR** CASE, SARGE, IT CAN BE ANYONE FROM A BLONDE IN MAINE TO A CHIMP AT THE ST. LOUIS ZOO!

VERY FUNNY, VERY FUNNY! JUST FOR THAT I GOT A GOOD MIND NOT TO READ YOU THIS LETTER FROM LARABIE AND KOLLER!

TOD LARABIE AND VICK KOLLER?
A LETTER FROM **BOTH** OF THEM?

YEAH! I WAS JUST AS SURPRISED AS YOU, KID! WHO'D'VE THOUGHT THAT THOSE TWO COULD **EVER** GET TOGETHER?

I DIDN'T KNOW THEM TOO WELL, SARGE, BUT I **DID** KNOW HOW MUCH THEY HATED EACH OTHER! WHAT WAS THE STORY?

TO SAY THEY HATED EACH OTHER IS PUTTING IT MILDLY! THIS THING WAS GOIN' ON EVER SINCE BASIC, I GUESS, BUT IT CAME TO A HEAD THAT DAY IN CENTRAL KOREA...



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"WE HEARD THAT THE REDS WERE GONNA START AN ATTACK, SO WE DUG IN TO WAIT FOR THEM..."



JUST 'CAUSE WE GOTTA KEEP MANNIN' THIS GUN TOGETHER, KOLLER, DON'T MEAN I GOTTA LIKE YA!

AN' I'M NOT OVERLY FOND OF YOU, LARABIE!

HMM-M! LOOKS LIKE THE TWO LOVE-BIRDS ARE CHIRPIN' AGAIN!



LISTEN HERE! MEBBE YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW WHY I DON'T LIKE YA, KOLLER! WELL, FER ONE THING, IT'S THE SHAPE OF YER FACE...

WELL, YA BETTER START GETTIN' USED TO IT, 'CAUSE IT'S GONNA BE RIGHT NEXT TO YOURS AS LONG AS WE'RE ALIVE AN' KICKIN'!

AWRIGHT, YOU TWO! KNOCK IT OFF!



LISTEN HERE, MULVANEY — I SIGNED UP TO FIGHT COMMIES! I DIDN'T SIGN NOTHIN' THAT SAYS I GOTTA FIGHT WITH CRUMBS LIKE HIM!

YOU'LL TAKE ORDERS SAME AS EVERYBODY ELSE, LARABIE! GET THAT THROUGH YOUR HEAD!

"THE WAY THOSE GUYS CARRIED ON SCARED ME. YOU KNOW HOW IMPORTANT A MACHINE GUN IS TO AN INFANTRY PLATOON. I WOULD HAVE BROKEN UP THE TEAM IF WE WEREN'T SO SHORT-HANDED. WELL, LATER THAT NIGHT LARABIE STARTED IN AGAIN..."

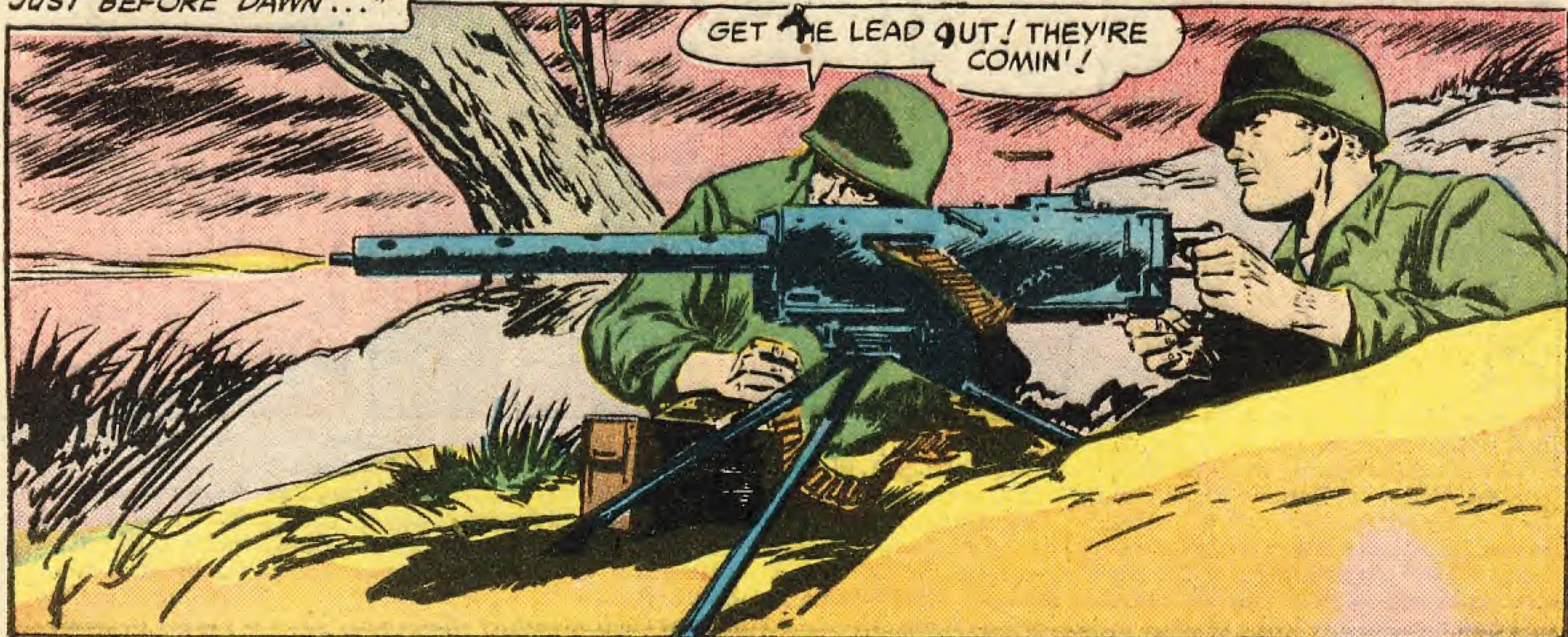
HOW DID I EVER GET TEAMED UP WITH YOU?

HOW DID IT HAPPEN? I DIDN'T VOLUNTEER, BUT I'M SURE GONNA ASK FOR A TRANSFER AFTER THIS FIGHT!

LOOK, LARABIE — I'VE BEEN LISTENIN' TO YOU BEAT YOUR GUMS EVER SINCE WE MET! YOU DON'T LIKE ME, AN' THAT

MAKES US EVEN! BUT WE'VE GOT A JOB TO DO, SO WHY DON'T YOU SHUT UP AN' PITCH IN?

"THE SITUATION WASN'T GETTIN' ANY BETTER. IF ANYTHING, IT KEPT GETTIN' WORSE, BUT THEN JUST BEFORE DAWN..."

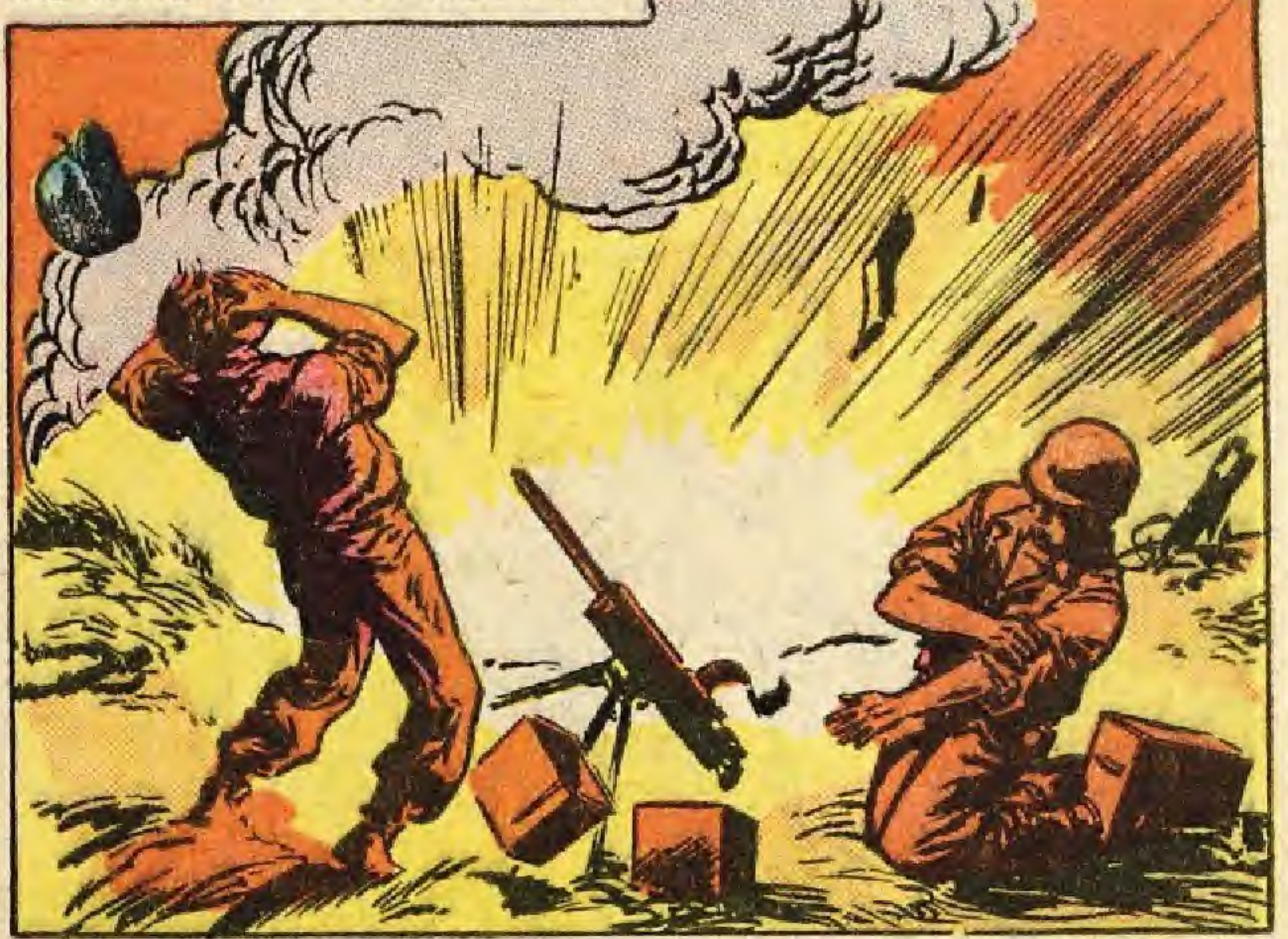


GET THE LEAD OUT! THEY'RE COMIN'!

SNAP IT UP, WILL YA, KOLLER? YER FEEDIN' AMMO INTO THIS THING—NOT LOLLIPOPS!



"AND THEN, AS IF FROM NOWHERE, A RED MORTAR HIT THE MACHINE GUN NEST..."



KOLLER! KOLLER!! I CAN'T SEE! I CAN'T SEE! MY ARM'S NO GOOD, LARABIE—BUT GRAB THE GUN! I'LL DIRECT YOUR FIRE!



TO YOUR LEFT, LARABIE! MORE TO YOUR LEFT!

THAT'S GETTIN' IT...



"THROUGH ENDLESS AGONY, THOSE TWO GUYS CONTINUED THEIR FIGHT. FINALLY, THE RED ATTACK WAS BEATEN BACK..."

YOU MADE EVERY ROUND COUNT, LARABIE! YOU —

OH-HHH...! MEDICS! MEDICS! OVER HERE!!



"VERY FEW GUYS EVER SURVIVED A DIRECT HIT. THEY WERE LUCKY TO BE ALIVE. BUT NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, MAYBE IT WAS FATE. ANYWAY, TWO WEEKS AFTER THAT..."

PRIVATE KOLLER AND LARABIE WERE BROUGHT IN TOGETHER, LIEUTENANT GILLIS—FROM THE SAME COMPANY AND WOUNDED IN THE SAME ACTION! DO THEY STILL WANT THIS SCREEN KEPT BETWEEN THEM?

ONE OF THEM DOES, MAJOR! BUT I THINK THE TIME HAS COME FOR A LITTLE ACTION OF OUR OWN!



THIS SCREEN IS COMING DOWN NOW, PRIVATE KOLLER! WE NURSE EVERYTHING HERE BUT GRUDGES! DO I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR?

WARD-BOY!



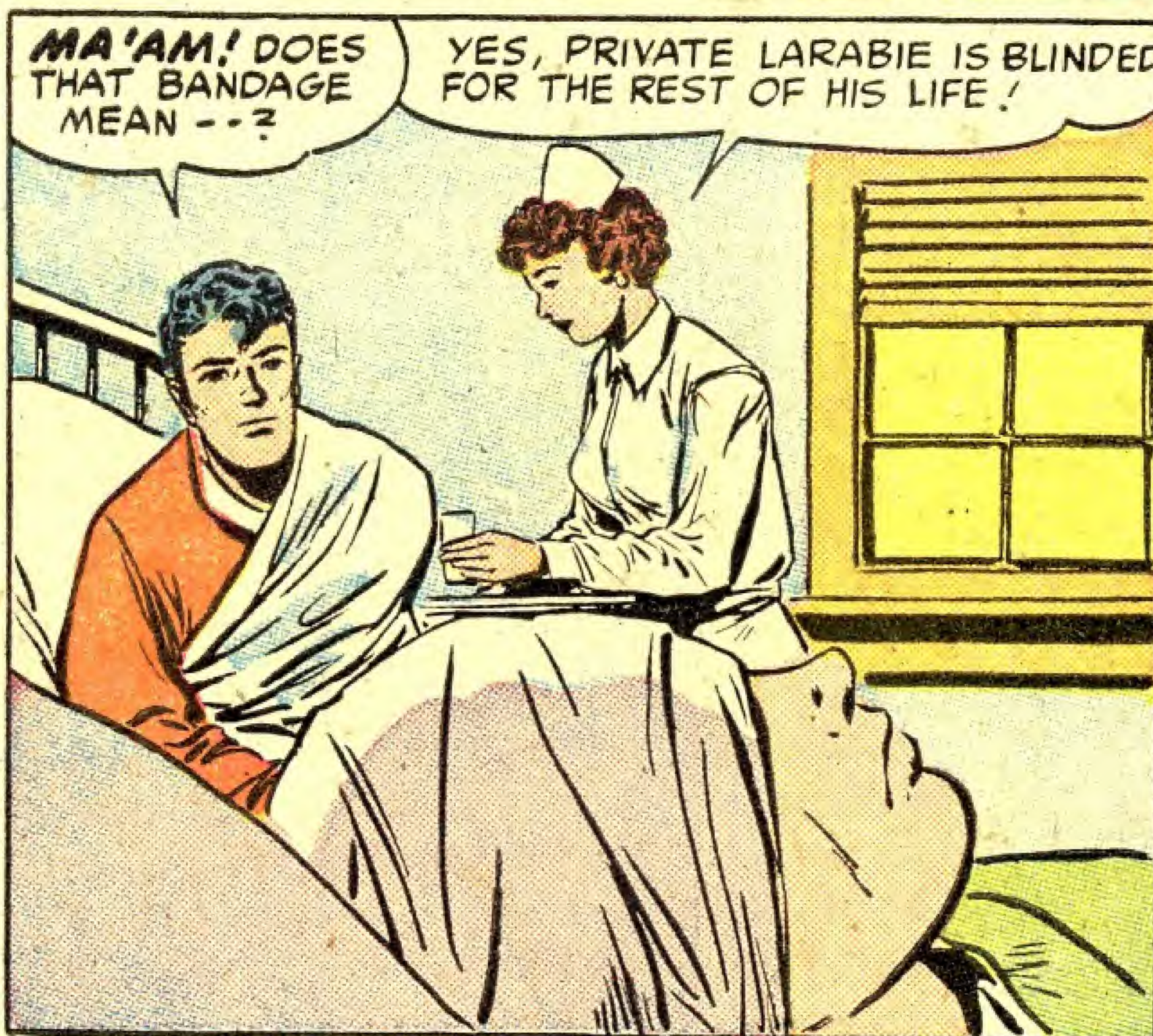


I DIDN'T ASK FOR IT TO BE PUT THERE, MA'AM!

I KNOW THAT—BUT THERE'S SOMETHING **YOU** HAVE TO KNOW NOW! WE TRIED OUR BEST TO SAVE YOUR ARM, AND WE COULDN'T! AS FOR PRIVATE LARABIE...



NO! OH, **NO!!!**



MA'AM! DOES THAT BANDAGE MEAN ---?

YES, PRIVATE LARABIE IS BLINDED FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR FEUD IS ALL ABOUT—PROBABLY, LIKE **MOST** FEUDS, THE ANSWER IS **NOTHING!** IN ANY CASE, PRIVATE LARABIE IS GOING TO NEED HELP! A **LOT** OF HELP! ARE YOU WILLING TO DO WHAT YOU CAN?

ANYTHING TO HELP, MA'AM!



"IT WAS SOME DAYS LATER BEFORE LARABIE WAS ABLE TO SIT UP IN BED..."



I WAS WONDERIN' IF MAYBE YOU'D LIKE ME TO READ TO YOU, LARABIE!!

IS THAT **YOU**, KOLLER? I KNOW YOUR VOICE! DON'T TRY TO BE NICE TO ME JUST 'CAUSE I'M BLIND! I **STILL** FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT YOU!



NO LUCK WITH LARABIE, MA'AM! I GUESS MAYBE THE SHAPE OF MY FACE STILL BOTHERS HIM—EVEN THOUGH HE CAN'T SEE IT NOW!

"AND SO, THAT'S THE WAY IT WENT WITH THOSE TWO, UNTIL A WEEK LATER..."



WHAT'S A MATTER WITH YA? YER **SUPPOSED** TO BE A NURSE AN' YA CAN'T EVEN CUT MY MEAT!

I'D LIKE TO CLEAR UP SOMETHING ABOUT OUR **SERVICE** HERE, PRIVATE LARABIE! OUR NURSES ARE DOING THE JOBS OF **THREE** MEN! PRIVATE **KOLLER** HAS BEEN FEEDING YOU, TO HELP OUT! HE CAN'T CUT YOUR **MEAT** TOO WELL, BECAUSE...



... HE ONLY HAS ONE ARM!!!



"LATER THAT EVENING..."

KOLLER...? WH-WHICH ARM DID YOU LOSE?

DOES IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE, LARABIE?



YEAH! I-I WANTA KNOW WHICH ONE YOU'LL LET ME SHAKE!

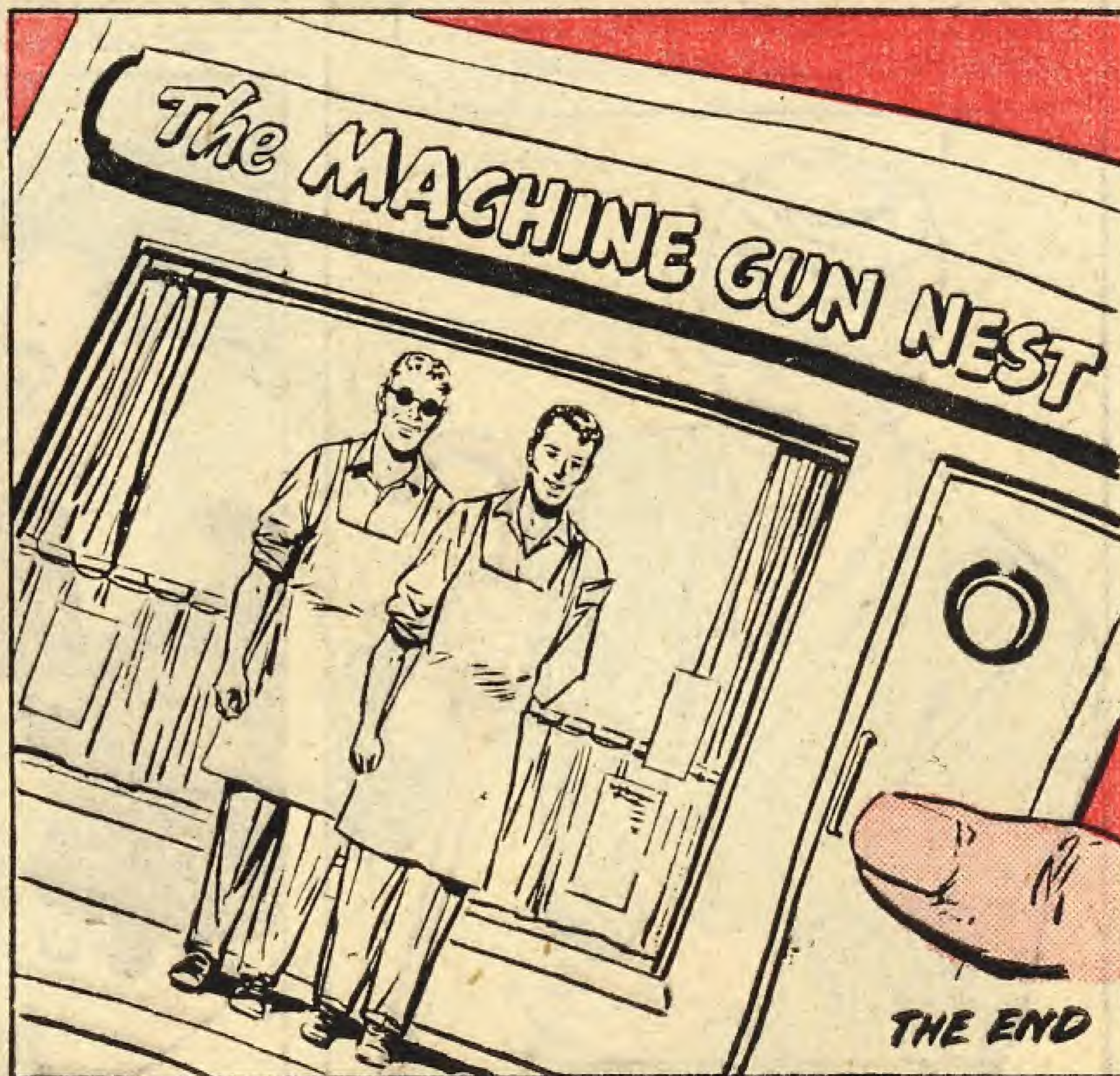
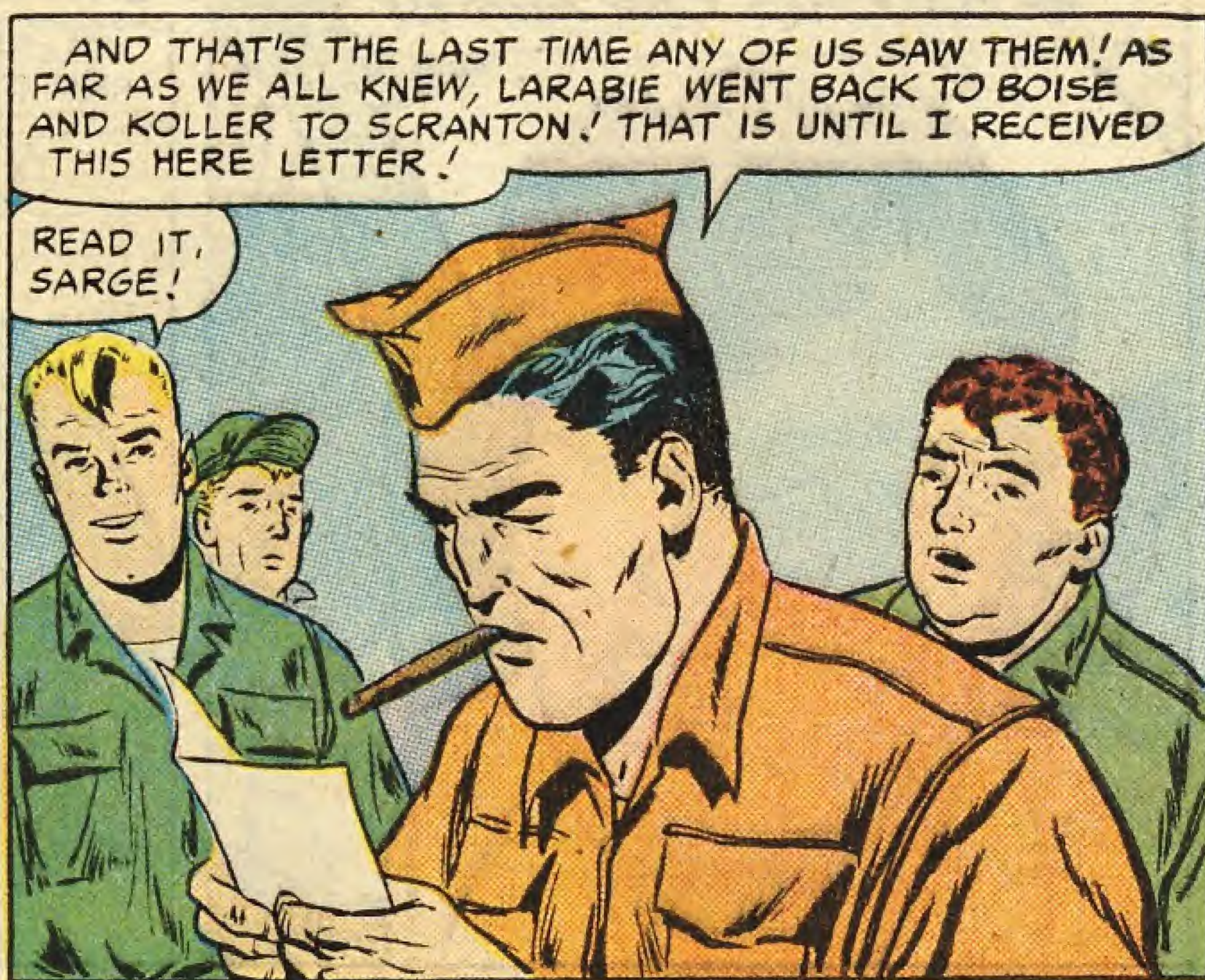


"AND SO, THAT WAS IT. FINALLY THE DAY CAME FOR THE PAIR TO BE DISCHARGED..."

THEY CAME **IN** TOGETHER, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT THEY'D **LEAVE** THAT WAY!

THE ONLY WAY SOME OF US EVER **LEARN** TO SEE, IS TO HAVE OUR SIGHT TAKEN AWAY!

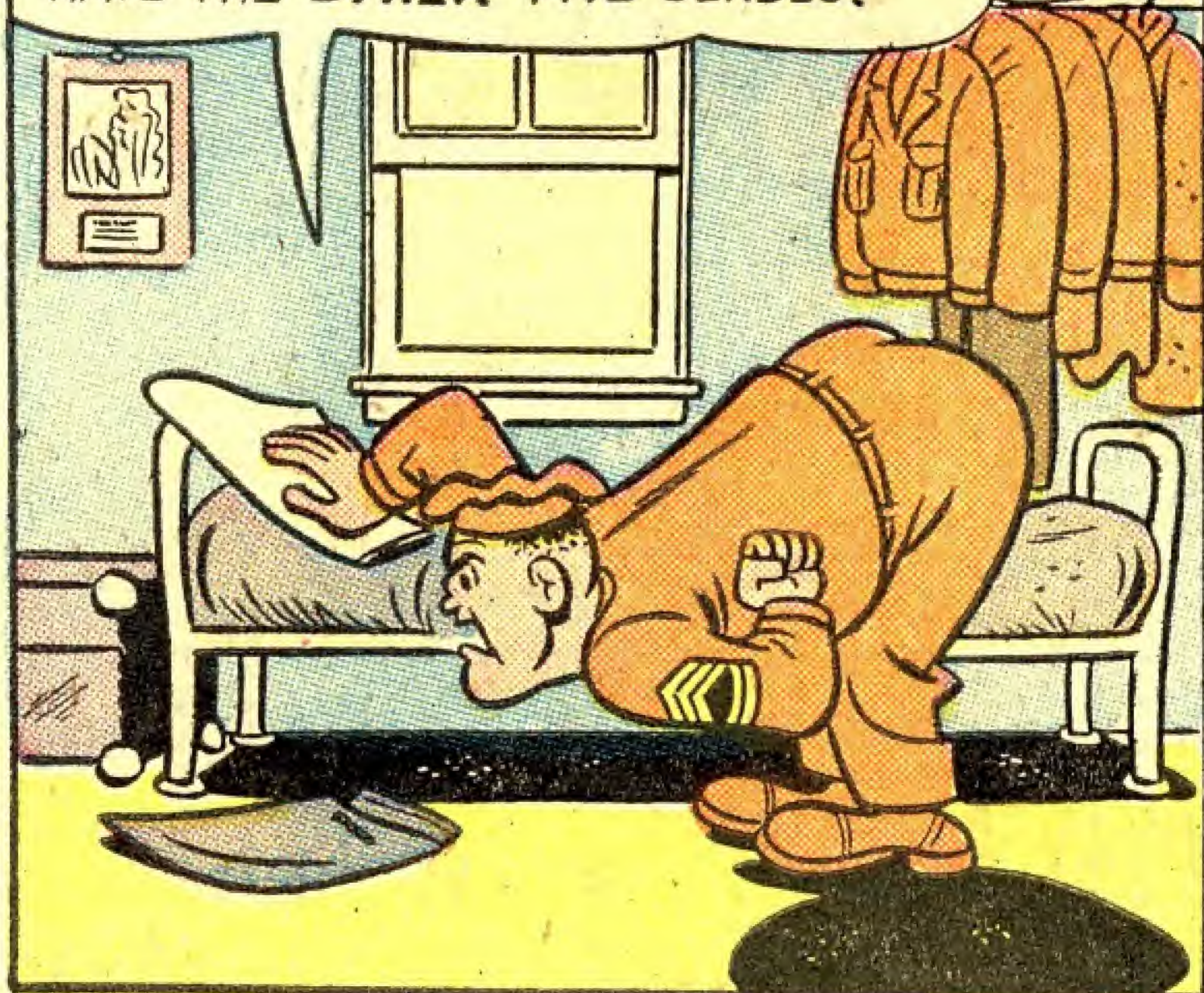




The **YARDBIRDS**



WHERE ARE THOSE TWO YARDBIRDS? ... THEY MUST HAVE A SIXTH SENSE THAT WARNS 'EM WHEN I NEED 'EM FOR K.P. -- NOT THAT THEY HAVE THE **OTHER** FIVE SENSES!

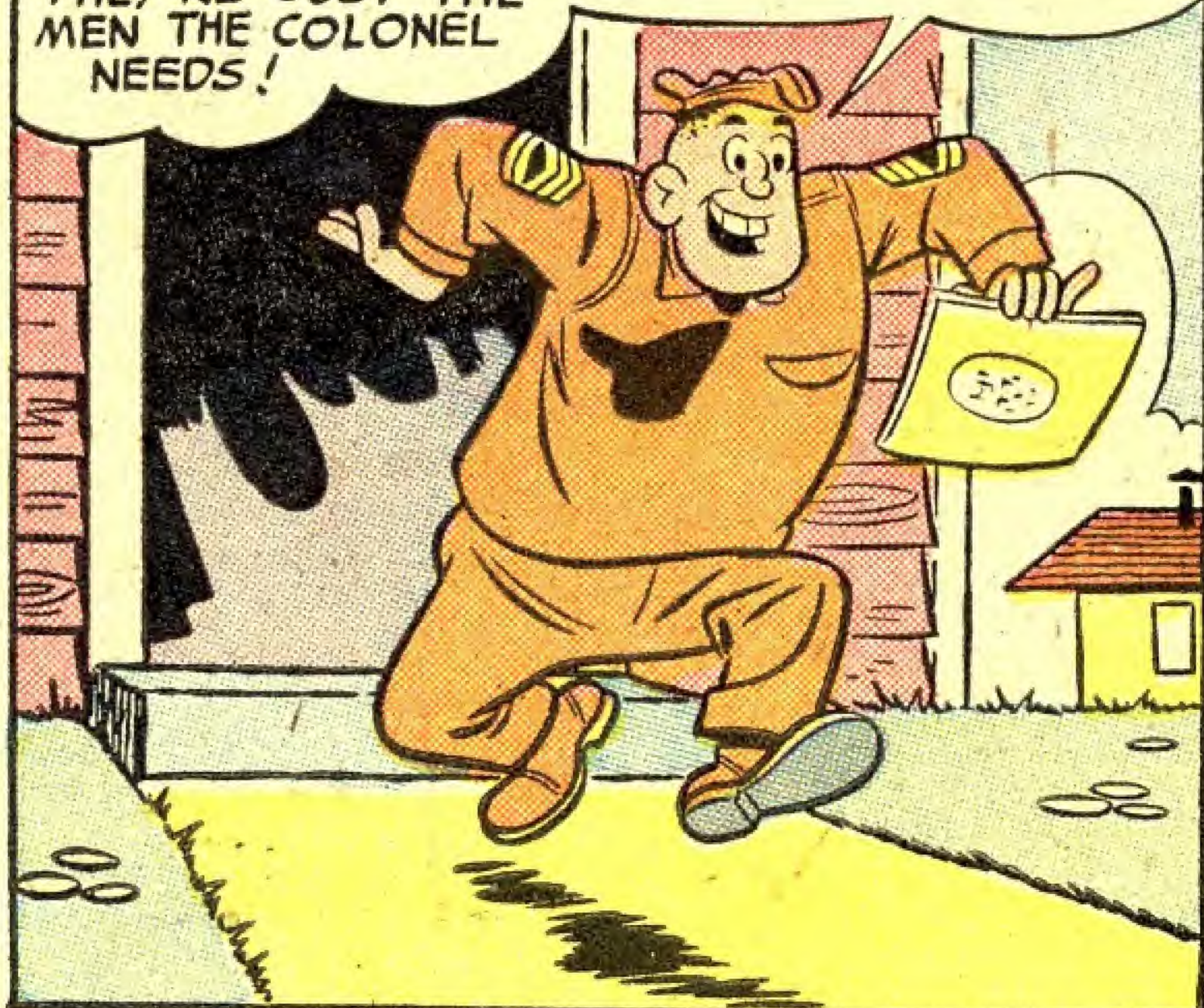


WHAT'S THIS --

"NOW THAT YOU HAVE MASTERED ELEMENTARY BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION, YOU ARE READY FOR ADVANCED SUSPENSION PLANS..."



SAY! MAYBE I'VE GOT 'EM WRONG! THEY HAVE SOME TALENT AFTER ALL! IF THEY'VE MASTERED **ELEMENTARY** BRIDGE BUILDING, THEY'RE JUST THE MEN THE COLONEL NEEDS!



SHOULD HAVE LOOKED **HERE** IN THE FIRST PLACE!



BRAGG, CAN YOU DRAW GOOD **SOLID STRUCTURES**?

SARGE, IF I DRAW IT -- IT'S GOT TO BE **SOLID**!



BOTH OF YOU REPORT TO COLONEL FUMES! HE'S AT THE RIVER AND HE'S LOOKING FOR MEN LIKE YOU!

THAT'S WHAT THE DRAFT BOARD SAID!



TO US,
TOO...I
MEAN
YES, SIR.



YES, SIR! JUST THE BARE
OUTLINES! I DIDN'T HAVE
TIME TO FILL IN THE DETAILS--
BUT I CAN DO THAT FROM
MEMORY!



WINDY, WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN THEY FIND OUT WE
DON'T KNOW ANYTHING
ABOUT BRIDGES?

WE'LL CROSS
THAT BRIDGE
WHEN WE GET
TO IT!

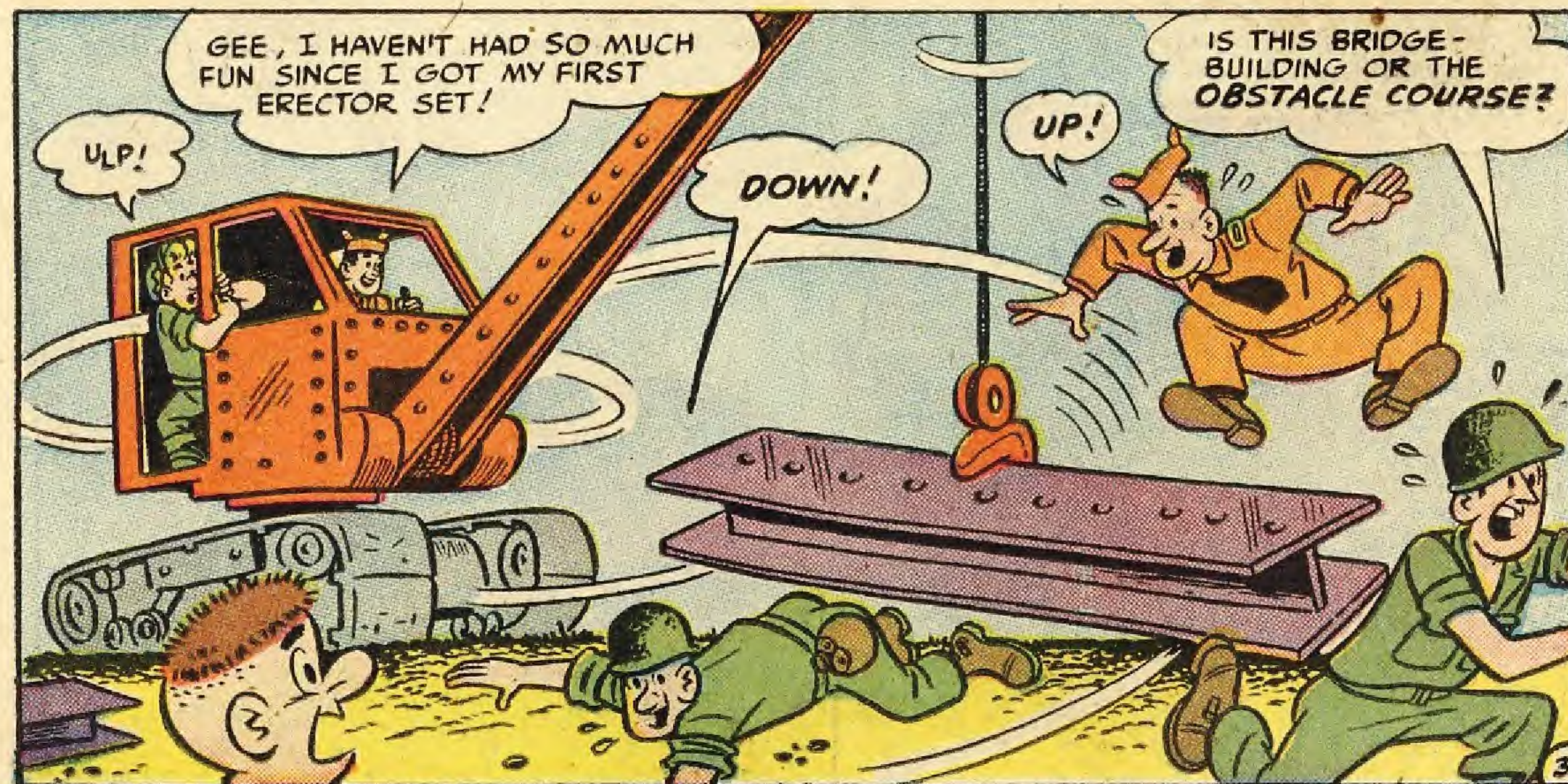


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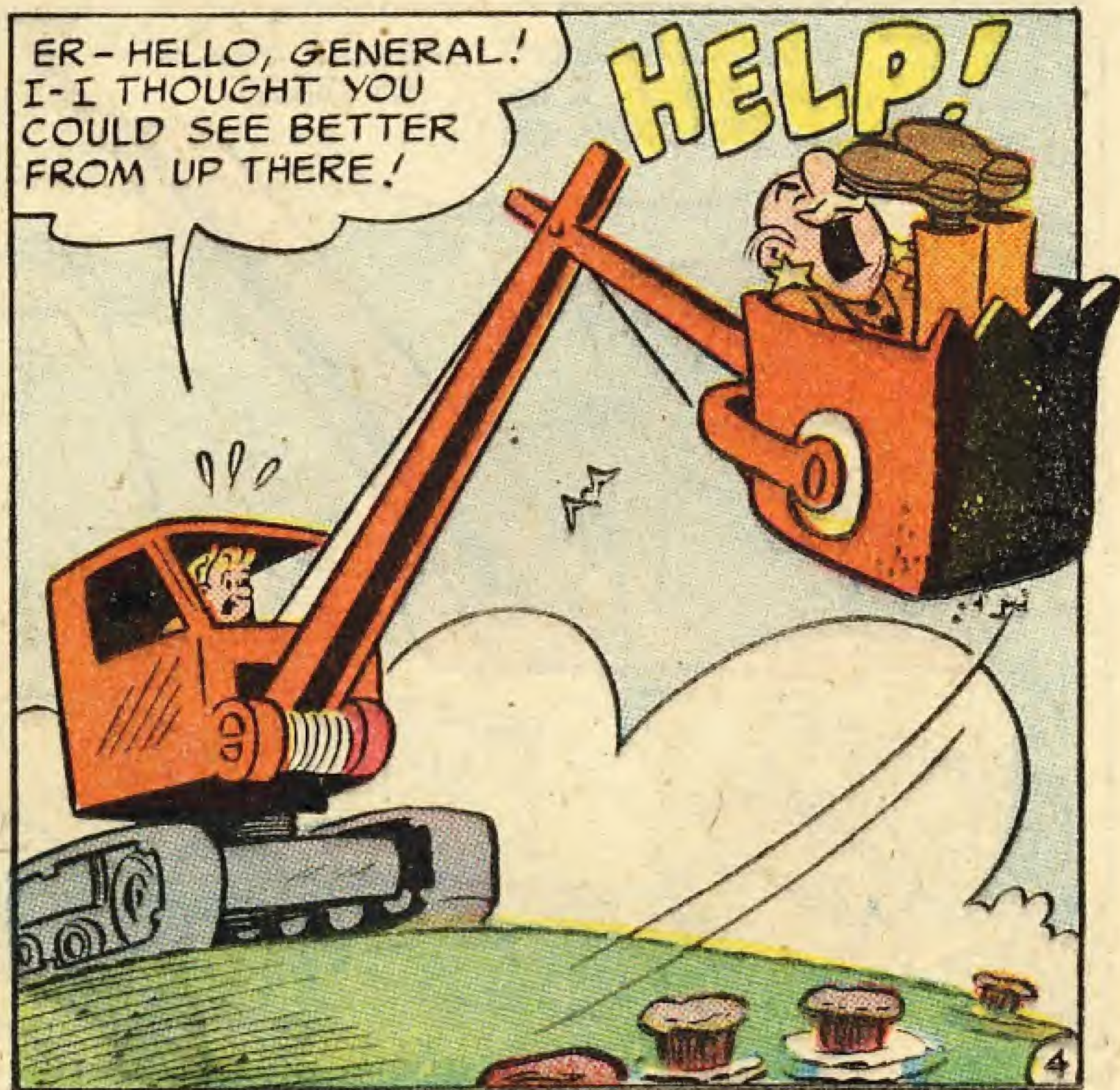
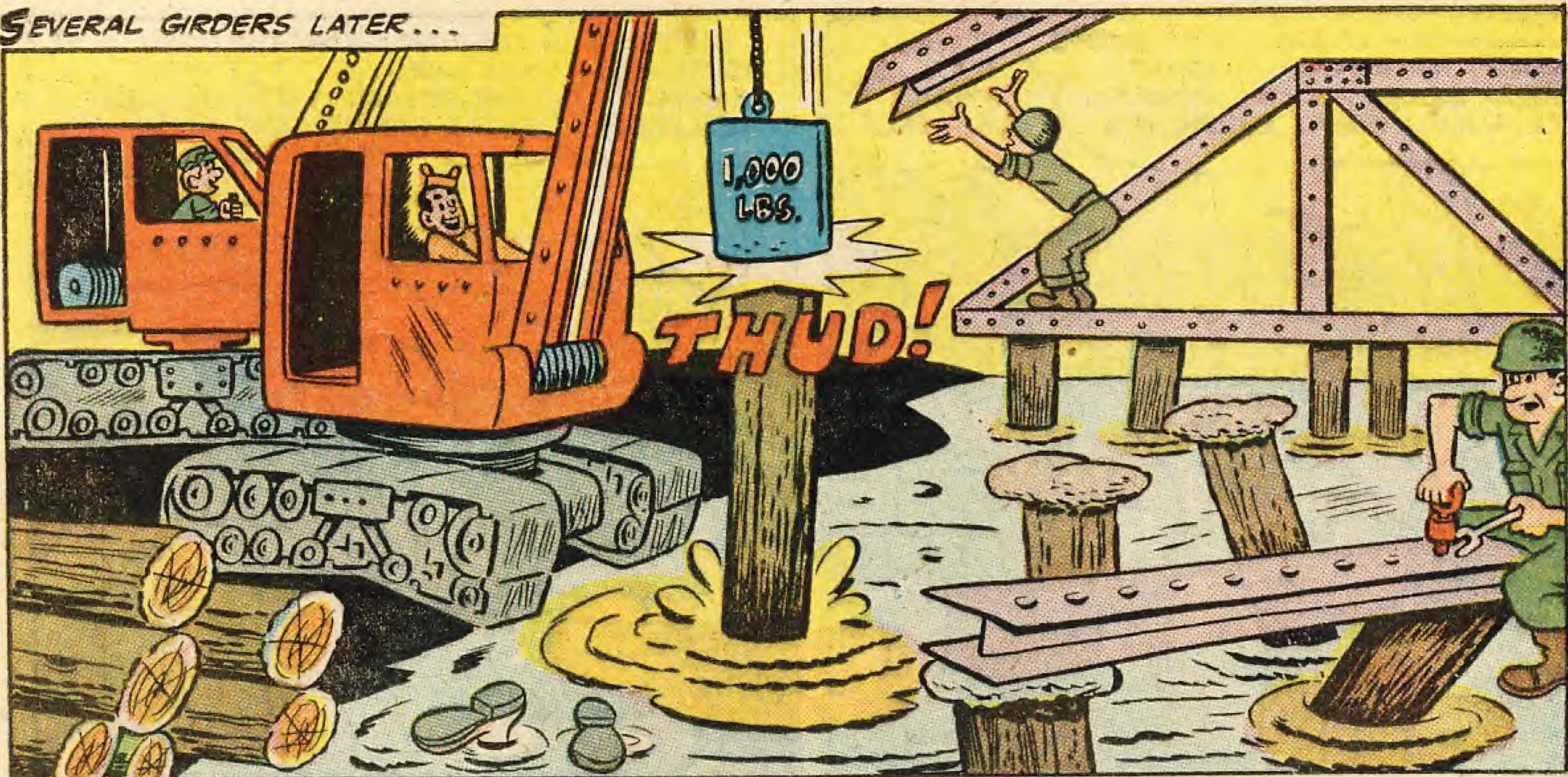
DOWN!

UP!

IS THIS BRIDGE-
BUILDING OR THE
OBSTACLE COURSE?



SEVERAL GIRDERS LATER...



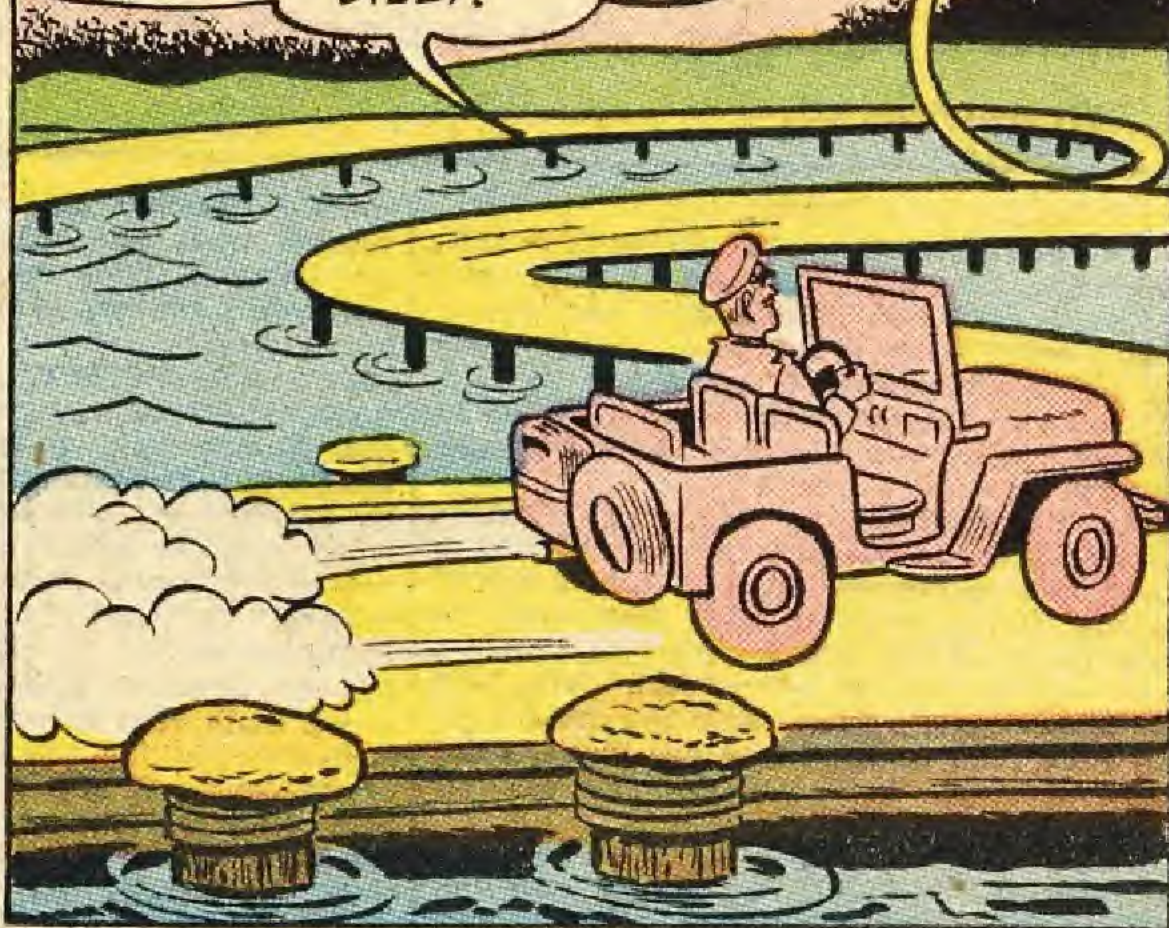
MINUTES LATER...

IT **CROSSES** A RIVER SO IT MUST BE A **BRIDGE**!

THIS BRIDGE IS A REVOLUTIONARY DESIGN! I'LL DRIVE ACROSS AND MAKE SURE IT'S SAFE FOR YOU, GENERAL!



BRAGG AND HICKS MUST HAVE GOTTEN THE IDEA FOR THIS BRIDGE FROM THE ROLLER COASTERS!... I'M GETTING DIZZY!



FLICKERING FLAME-THROWERS! THIS BRIDGE **CIRCLES BACK**!

THERE MUST BE A WAY OUT ON THE OTHER SIDE! CHECK FROM THE **AIR**!



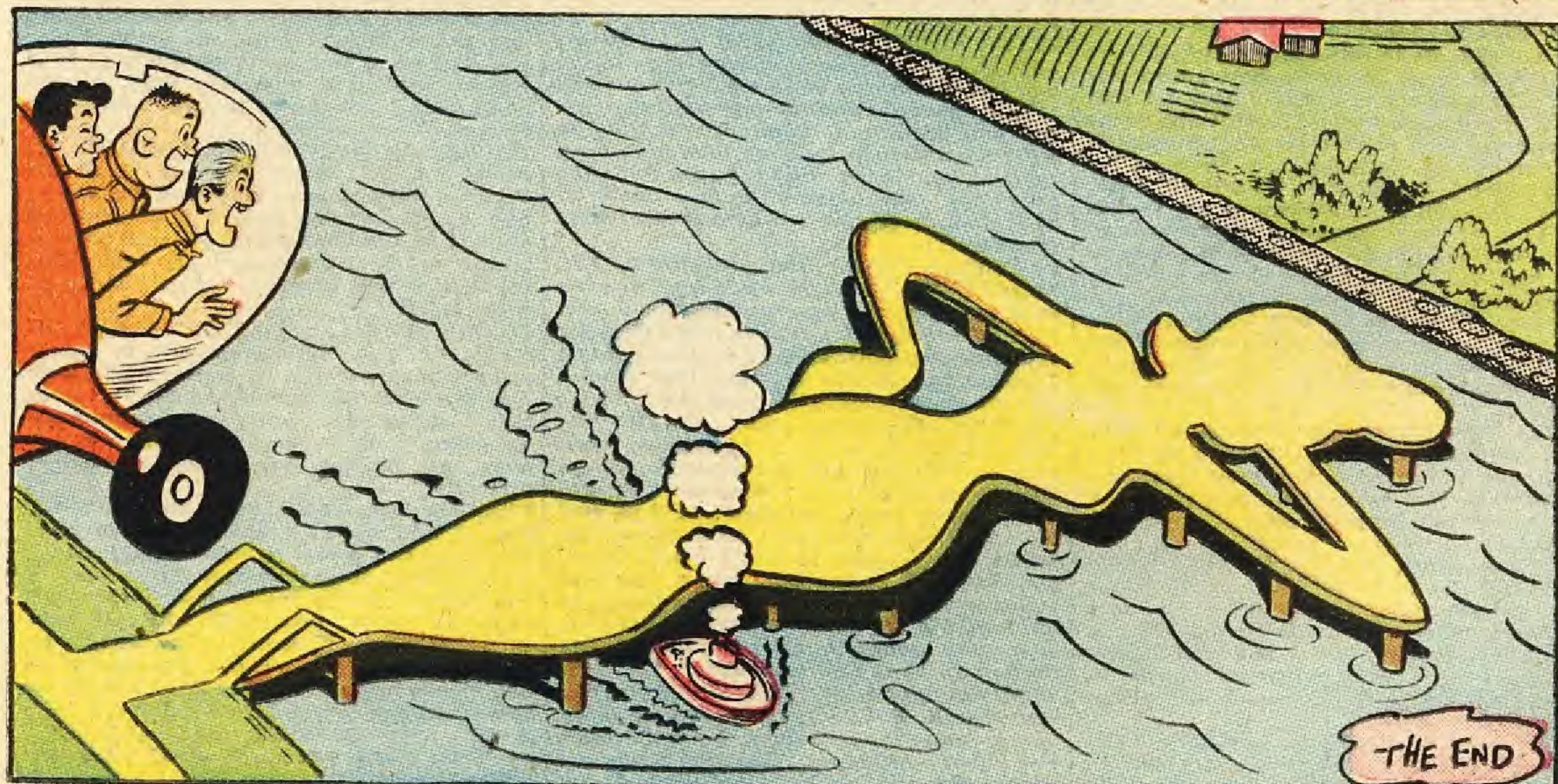
IF THIS BRIDGE ISN'T PERFECT, THE GENERAL WILL CLIP MY EAGLE WINGS AND I'LL COLLECT **YOUR** STRIPES, GRUFF!

DON'T WORRY, SIR! PRIVATE BRAGG KNOWS **BRIDGE PLANNING**!



HE WAS READING THIS BOOK ON HOW TO **DRAW** PLANS FOR **BRIDGES**!

SO **THAT'S** HOW THIS ALL HAPPENED? WHY, **THAT** BOOK WAS SENT TO ME BY MISTAKE! THERE'S ONLY **ONE** THING I CAN DRAW...



THE END

G.I. Joe's Pen Pals

Readers of G.I. JOE are invited to use this popular department to exchange correspondence between interested servicemen, wherever they may be, and civilians who wish to brighten their lives with such correspondence.

EAST

JUDY FOLLANDRI, 294 DIVINITY ST., BRISTOL, CONN. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 1 inch tall, brown hair and brown eyes. I enjoy many sports, and I would enjoy writing to servicemen. I will answer all the letters I receive—that's the least I can do to help out the boys who are defending our country."

MARY VALENTINO, 93 TULIP ST., BRISTOL, CONN. . . . "If there are any G.I.'s who would like to correspond with me, I would consider it an honor to hear from them. I will answer all the letters I receive. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, dark hair and brown eyes. I guess there are some girls who have their names listed just to see their names in print. Well, you can rest assured that I will answer all the letters."

JANICE WOMWOOD, RFD NORTH ST., KENNEBUNKPORT, ME. . . . "I read your fine magazine every time it comes out. I would like to have my name added to that list of wonderful girls who are doing so much for our servicemen through the mails. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, and love bowling, swimming, dancing and the theater. I love to write letters and promise to answer all the letters that I receive."

PATRICIA NOVAK, 68 HARVEST ST., BOSTON 25, MASS. . . . "I am deeply interested in writing to the servicemen. I have dark blonde hair, blue eyes and stand 5 feet 2 inches tall. I love dancing and enjoy most sports. I promise to answer all the letters faithfully. I would appreciate a snapshot from whoever writes me."

DONNA BESHARA, 23 KNOX ST., LAWRENCE, MASS. . . . "I am 16 years old, brown hair, brown eyes, 5 feet 3 inches tall. I would appreciate the opportunity to do my share to help cheer up a lonely serviceman. I will answer all the letters that I receive as promptly as possible."

MARALYN HANIKER, 101 LENOX AVE., PITTSFIELD, MASS. . . . "I am very much interested in writing to servicemen, both at home and abroad. I am 16 years old, brown hair, brown eyes. I hope that some of the boys will write me."

ROETTA THERESA ALLARD, 14 LENS ST., SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS. . . . "I would like to correspond with servicemen serving all over the world. I am now writing to men in the air force, army and marines. I would like to write to some more. I am 16 years old and people say that I am pretty. I can handle as many letters as I receive. The more sent to me the more I'll like it. So come on, boys, let's have the mail!"

CAROL FIX, 89 YORKSHIRE DRIVE, CEDAR GROVE, N. J. . . . "I have short brown hair and blue eyes, stand 5 feet 1 inch tall and I am 16 years old. I would like to write to the servicemen who don't receive much mail. I will answer all the letters that I receive."

DOROTHY A. MORRISON, 10 BOWNE AVE., FREEHOLD, N. J. . . . "Some of my friends told me of your wonderful department in G.I. JOE and I felt that it was my duty to get into the act. I would like to write to servicemen. I am 18 years old, brown hair, green eyes and stand 5 feet 8 inches tall. I am a freshman at Rider College where I am majoring in accounting. I like all animals, foods, music and sports. Let's hear from you, fellows."

DORIS DE GRAW, 9 LINDEN AVE., BOX 204, HELMETTA, N. J. . . . "I am 20 years old, have brown hair, blue-grey eyes, and would like to hear from servicemen. I will answer all letters I receive as soon as possible."

TERRY MUSICO, 421 THIRD AVE., LYNDHURST, N. J. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. I love to dance, skate and bowl. I would like to start a new hobby, and I find that I have plenty of time with which to handle it, namely writing to servicemen. I will answer all letters received."

NANCY JANE GOETCHIUS, 179 13TH AVE., NEWARK 3, N. J. . . . "I'm 16 years old, and I'm a blue-eyed brunette. I like all sports,

mainly baseball and swimming. I love to receive mail and what's more, I love to write letters. They tell me that I write very interesting letters, so why don't you try me out, guys?"

MARYANN PETITT, 431 SPRINGFIELD AVE., NEWARK 3, N. J. . . . "I am 16 years old, blonde hair, blue eyes and 5 feet 4 inches tall. I would like very much to write to servicemen, although I know full well what a great responsibility this is. I will answer all letters that I receive."

NOREEN LENNON, 1522 89TH ST., NORTH BERGEN, N. J. . . . "I'm 20 years old and like to write to fellows who don't receive much mail from home. I like roller skating, swimming, hiking and my favorite pastime is photography. I also belong to a club that tours hospitals and army camps to entertain the men. Please write and I will answer."

PAM EMERICK, 61 OAKWOOD DRIVE, PACKANACK LAKE, N. J. . . . "I am 16 old, brown hair, hazel eyes and 5 feet 8 inches tall. I love to write letters and I can assure each and every fellow who writes me that he will receive a prompt reply."

BETTY FILMAN, 131 CLINTON ST., SOUTH BOUND BROOK, N. J. . . . "I think your PEN PALS feature is a wonderful idea. I know from friends and relatives just how badly servicemen need and want mail. I would consider it an honor if you were to list my name and address on your wonderful pages. I am 16, have brown hair and hazel eyes. I am 5 feet 5 inches tall. Correspondence has always been my favorite pastime and I have plenty of time to write to men in the armed forces who don't receive much mail. Just the thought of having someone's lonely days filled with news from home through my letters is all I need for satisfaction."

DOROTHY THOMSEN, 105 CENTER AVE., WESTWOOD, N. J. . . . "I am 27 years old, and very anxious to correspond with servicemen. I have brown hair and brown eyes, and I have lots of time to devote to my correspondence. It would make me very happy to receive letters from the men in the armed forces."

PAULINE FIORE, 22 HAYES ST., BINGHAMTON, N. Y. . . . "I'm 16 years old, brown hair, brown eyes and 5 feet 3 inches tall. I enjoy writing letters and feel confident that I can answer every letter that I receive. I realize that I may very well receive hundreds of letters from servicemen anxious for news from home. But I will answer each and every one of them."

TRUDY BOYSON, 1444 43RD ST., BROOKLYN, N. Y. . . . "I am 16 years of age, brown hair and brown eyes and I am 5 feet 4 inches tall. My favorite pastimes are dancing, baseball and bowling. I would like to write to servicemen to help cheer up those who need cheering up. I know what it means to be the only one who doesn't receive mail at Mail Call. I promise to answer all letters promptly."

PATRICIA DUNN, 438 HENDRIX ST., BROOKLYN 7, N. Y. . . . "I would love to write to a serviceman if one would write to me. I'll answer all that I receive and I'll gladly exchange snapshots. I am 18 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, blonde hair and blue eyes. I like all sports, especially swimming."

FRANCES FIUMANO, 321 SMITH ST., BROOKLYN 31, N. Y. . . . "I am very interested in writing to men in the service. I know how much Mail Call means to each and every soldier, sailor and marine. I'll be glad to correspond with any serviceman who would like to write to me. I am 23 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. I enjoy swimming, skating and bowling. I'll try hard to make my letters interesting enough to make you fellows look forward to Mail Call anxiously."

VIRGINIA HOPKINS, 934 SENECA AVE., BROOKLYN, N. Y. . . . "I would very much like to write to servicemen. I am 17 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, light brown hair and blue eyes."

PEGGY JOHNSON, P.O. BOX 265, EAST ROCHESTER, N. Y. . . . "I am 23 years old, have light brown hair and blue eyes. Roller skating is my favorite sport and I love to write letters and make new friends. I hope that some serviceman will write me. I will answer all letters."

NORMA SEVOR, PARKER RD., PALMYRA, N. Y. . . . "I believe you are doing a great service to our men in the armed forces, overseas and in the States. I am sure I am not the only one who thinks so, there must be millions more. This is what makes a magazine like yours such a great success. I am 5 feet 5 inches tall and have brown hair and brown eyes. I would like to do my part in making the boys who are in service much less lonely through my letters. I will answer all letters received."

JUDY SERVICE, 113 KINGSTON AVE., PORT JERVIS, N. Y. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. I love to write letters and would thoroughly enjoy answering any letters that I receive from the men in service. I will answer every letter that I receive promptly. Don't hesitate to write. I like almost all sports, with the exception of boxing. I love dancing and music. Hope to hear from someone soon."

BARBARA SADOWSKI, 61 GARDEN ST., POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y. . . . "I am 17 years old, short brown hair and brown eyes, 5 feet 6 inches tall. I like to swim, dance and I enjoy all sports. I have a brother in the Navy and I know how lonesome he gets when he doesn't receive any mail from home. I would like very much to write to men in the service and I hope to make new friends. I'll be glad to answer all the letters I receive."

DOLORES HART, 107 WEAVER ST., ROCHESTER, N. Y. . . . "I am 16, brown hair, brown eyes and stand 5 feet 3 inches tall. I will write to any serviceman who would like to correspond with me."

BARBARA J. MASTOWSKI, 78 HERMAN ST., ROCHESTER, N. Y. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, blonde hair and green eyes. I would like very much to write to the men in the armed forces. I will answer every letter faithfully. This is the least that we at home can do for all those boys who had to leave their homes to serve our nation."

CAROL FRANK, SUNNY RD., ST. JAMES, N. Y. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. I would like to correspond with men in service."

VIRGINIA SCHNEIDER, 91-01 77TH ST., WOODHAVEN, N. Y. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, strawberry blonde hair and blue eyes. I like all sports, music and dancing. I want so very much to help out by writing to men who don't receive much mail. I will answer as many letters as I receive. Please write."

DOLORES GILBERT, RT. No. 4, CHAMBERSBURG, PA. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall and have blue eyes and brown hair. I think writing to G.I.'s is a wonderful thing. I will follow through on each letter I receive and I can assure each one who writes me that he will receive a reply. Won't you write soon?"

CONNIE SPAYAL, 312 SUNSET AVE., EPHRATA, PA. . . . "I sincerely wish to correspond with servicemen, no matter where they may be. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall. I enjoy most every sport, especially swimming. I am hoping to hear from everyone, and promise to answer all letters promptly."

THERESA POL, 716 EAST 13TH ST., ERIE, PA. . . . "I am 17 years old, blonde hair, blue eyes and 5 feet 6 inches tall. I would enjoy writing to the boys in the services. I will answer all the letters that I receive."

JANET GEORGE, 404 ERIE AVE., GLASSPORT, PA. . . . "I would enjoy writing to some G.I.'s. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, blonde hair and brown eyes. I will try to answer all the letters I receive."

MARY ANN FORSTER, 214 ANN ST., PHOENIXVILLE, PA. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I

feel that the boys who are serving our country deserve the very best, and the least we at home can do to help them is to write to them. I found it sort of difficult to do until I came across your wonderful **PEN PALS** department in **G.I. JOE**. I would like to have my name listed as one who would like to correspond with the men in service."

CAROLYN GREENBERG, 183½ CAMP ST., PROVIDENCE, R. I. . . . "I am very interested in writing to servicemen. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, blonde hair, blue eyes. I enjoy all sports, dancing and music. I hope to hear from anyone, anywhere, who would like to hear from me. Just write, fellows, and I'll reply."

JANE E. KOZLOV, 299 SAYLES ST., PROVIDENCE, R. I. . . . "I am 16 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. I've never written to a GI, but I am very anxious to start. I will answer all letters and wish to state that my letters will be interesting. Won't you write?"

HELEN LUPIN, 28 EAST STATE ST., MONTPELIER, VT. . . . "I am 19 years old, 5 feet 7 inches, brown hair and blue eyes. I like all sports, good books, music and square dancing. I would like to correspond with lonely GIs who don't receive much mail. I will keep those letters going out just as fast as they come in."

JEANETTE DE LONG, MORETOWN, VT. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, black hair, green eyes. I am interested in all sports, especially hunting and fishing. Please write . . . I'll answer all letters."

NANCY JO BRAGG, NORTH VIEW, STATION A, CLARKSBURG, W. VA. . . . "I am 17 years old, have blonde hair and hazel eyes and stand 5 feet 6 inches tall. I will write to any serviceman who writes me. I would like very much to correspond regularly with men in service and possibly to make some new friends. How about it, guys?"

BETTY SUE CAMPBELL, MALDEN, W. VA. . . . "I am 5 feet 2 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes and I am 16 years old. Wouldn't it be nice if all servicemen had all the mail they could possibly want? Well, I guess that's pretty improbable, but I'm willing to do my part to help these boys out. I will answer all the letters that I receive. I realize how lonely men can get being away from home, and what makes it worse is when they receive no mail. So try me out, fellows. I'm sure you won't be disappointed. I will answer all letters promptly."

SOUTH

PEGGY LA VERNE PATJENS, BOX 155, BYNAM, ALA. . . . "I am 16 years old, blonde hair and blue eyes. I like swimming, skating and dancing. I want to write to servicemen, that is, if they want to write to me. I will answer every letter."

JOMIE L. DAVIS, GRAYSVILLE, ALA. . . . "I will answer all letters that I receive from servicemen gladly. I am 16 years old, brown hair, blue eyes, 5 feet 6 inches tall. Let's hear from you, boys!"

DAISY ETHEL LOWE, C/O P.O., WARRIOR, ALA. . . . "I have a relative in the service and I know how very lonely he gets. That's why I want you to list my name and address for GIs to write me. I am 17 years old, blonde hair and blue eyes and I stand 5 feet 5 inches tall. I will answer all the letters I get. I'm anxious to do all I can to help out."

PEGGY HALL, RT. 1, BOX 96, NAPLES, FLA. . . . "I am 20 years old and would like to correspond with men in service. I have red hair and gray eyes, and I stand 5 feet 1 inch tall. I will answer all letters."

VIRGINIA PEARSON, BOX 302, ADAIRS-VILLE, GA. . . . "I am 20 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, brown hair and blue eyes and my friends call me Jennie. I like cooking, sewing, bowling, dancing, but what I like best is writing letters, especially to men in service. Soldiers like to receive mail and I will do my share by writing to whoever writes me as regularly as I can. I would like to receive snapshots of the boys who want to correspond with me. I will do likewise. Please write!"

JO ANN STOKES, 944 PONCE DE LEON, MACON, GA. . . . "I am very interested in writing to boys in service and also to other readers of **G.I. JOE**. I'm 17 years old, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5 feet 5 inches tall. I love to listen to music and also to dance. I will answer each and every letter that I possibly can."

ANN MORRIS, BOX 28, TENNGA, GA. . . . "I am 17 years old, and I am interested in writing to servicemen. I am 5 feet 6 inches tall and I have brown hair and blue eyes. I like to swim and I like most every other sport. I have two brothers in the service and they can't seem to get enough mail. I know, therefore, from personal experience, how lonely these boys can get. I will answer all letters."

MARY HEMPHILL, 2536 MAZAND ST., APT. E, NEW ORLEANS, LA. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall. I love writing and will answer every letter I receive."

GAIL PFEIFFER, 1635 LAKE AVE., EAST END JEFF. PAR., NEW ORLEANS, LA. . . . "I am 16 years old and I have blonde hair. I love all sports and I adore fishing. I want to write to servicemen and will answer all letters I get. This isn't just a girl looking to have her name in print, I really mean it when I say that I will answer all letters."

RACHEL GRIFFIN, 3637 GREENSBORO RD., WINSTON SALEM, N. C. . . . "I read your magazine the other day and saw the **PEN PALS** department. I would like to have my name listed. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, brown hair and blue eyes. I would like the opportunity to correspond with the men in service."

MARGARET DOWDY, P.O. BOX 201, RICHLANDS, VA. . . . "I'd greatly appreciate having my name listed in your fine magazine. I do hope I'll meet lots of nice service boys through your **G.I. JOE PEN PALS**. I am 22 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. I love good music (popular is my favorite), sports, art and travel. One of my hobbies is collecting snapshots of friends and I'd like to exchange photos with any interested serviceman."

(MISS) LOU RAWLS, 1421 STEWART ST., SOUTH NORFOLK, VA. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, blonde hair and gray-green eyes. I like all sports. I would enjoy corresponding with GIs. I will answer all letters that I receive. Let's have them!"

MARY ANN COTTON, 6299 ORANGE HIGHWAY, GROVES, TEXAS . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. I like to dance, love to sketch and am crazy about airplanes. I like to write letters and hope to receive a great amount. Won't you write?"

CHICK ESPINOZA, RT. 16, BOX 641, HOUSTON, TEXAS . . . "I am 17 years old, brown eyes, black hair and I stand 5 feet 3 inches tall. I love dancing, especially the Mambo. I like most sports, but I guess my favorite pastime is writing letters. I will answer each and every letter I receive, although I know that I may receive hundreds. I couldn't think of a more worthwhile cause than keeping up the morale of the boys in service."

MIDWEST

ELIZABETH BRANDENBURG, 301 SO. LOW ST., BLOOMINGTON, ILL. . . . "I would like to correspond with servicemen overseas, in the States and in military and VA hospitals. I'm sure there are some my age who would like to receive letters to help them forget their loneliness. I'm 34 years old, brown hair, blue eyes and I'm called Beth. I would like so much to be your friend. Please write."

CARRIE PRICE, 910 MARKET ST., BLOOMINGTON, ILL. . . . "I am 16 years old, blonde hair, brown eyes. I like all sports, especially roller skating. I want to correspond with men in all branches of the services. I will answer all the letters that I receive."

JOYCE SNITOVSKY, 7018 N. SHERIDAN RD., CHICAGO, ILL. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. I like all sports, particularly baseball. I like dancing and singing. I want so very much to correspond with men in service. I will try to answer as many letters as I can. I will do my best not to disappoint whoever writes me. I would like to write to men of all faiths, but especially to men of the Jewish faith."

JACKIE THOMPSON, 8434 S. PEORIA, CHICAGO 20, ILL. . . . "I would like to write to servicemen all over the world. I will answer all the letters that I receive. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I hope some lonely serviceman or woman writes me."

DOLORES KIEPURA, 15816 LATHROP AVE., HARVEY, ILL. . . . "I enjoy writing letters very much and I would like to write to some lonely GI. I am 16 years old,

brown hair, brown eyes and I stand 5 feet 5 inches tall. I will answer all the letters I receive. I imagine there are quite a few girls who say they will answer all letters and they fail to do so. But I will not disappoint the people who write to me."

JANEY SUE WORD, RR 2, OAKDALE, ILL. . . . "I have a brother in the marines and I know how he feels about mail. I guess Mail Call is the most important thing that can happen in a serviceman's day. I want so very much to make it a pleasant experience every time it rolls around. I would like to write to men and women who have no friends or family. I will keep them up on the news from home. I am 5 feet 3 inches tall and have brown hair and brown eyes."

ANN HENSLEY, 127 N. COURT ST., APT. 1, ROCKFORD, ILL. . . . "I am 23 years old and would like to correspond with someone my age or two years older. I am a redhead with blue eyes, 5 feet 3 inches tall. I love to write letters and just hope that there is someone out there who would like to correspond with me."

SANDRA HEAL, P.O. BOX 66, GAS CITY, IND. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I like all sports and music. I would like to write to servicemen. Being away from home, even the very smallest occurrences become major issues. I would like to keep these men informed as to what is going on at home. This applies not only to men from Indiana, but from all over the nation. Let's hear from you!"

MARJORIE CHAPMAN, OXFORD JUNCTION, IOWA . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 1 inch tall, light brown hair and blue eyes. I like all sports and am just wild about dancing. I will correspond with whoever wants to write to me."

ANN CZERW, 1544 BELVIDERE, DETROIT, MICH. . . . "I am 16, 5 feet tall and have blue eyes and brown hair. I want very much to correspond with the men in service who are doing so much for us at home."

MARIE ROZIER, 2912 GIBSON ST., FLINT 3, MICH. . . . "I am 18 years old, have long brown hair and brown eyes. I enjoy singing, dancing and playing my guitar. I would like to write to some of the boys in service and promise to answer as soon as I can. Will enclose a picture with each letter."

ELENE SCHLOSSER, 4439 KELLER RD., HOLT, MICH. . . . "I love letter-writing and would be very happy to have my name appear in **G.I. JOE**. I am 16 years old, blue eyes, brown hair and stand 5 feet 3 inches tall. I will answer all letters I receive."

NORMA KAY MASON, 538 COSGROVE ST., NASHVILLE, MICH. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, brown hair and blue eyes. I like all sports and music. I know what it means for a lonely fellow to get a letter from home. I would like to write to all men in the service, but specifically to men serving overseas. I promise to answer each and every letter."

MARY ANN BRADLEY, 2416 EAST 6TH ST., DULUTH 5, MINN. . . . "I love to write letters and I would especially like to hear from some servicemen and women. I won't fail to answer any letters that I receive. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, and have brown hair and blue eyes. I hope to hear from someone soon."

MARILYN WILSON, BOX 224, GRACEVILLE, MINN. . . . "I would like very much to write to some lonely soldiers. I am 17 years old, blonde hair, blue eyes and I am 5 feet 10 inches tall. My favorite sports are swimming, football, bowling and basketball. I like to dance, but most of all I like to write letters, and my friends tell me that I write very interesting ones. I'll answer all letters and send my picture. I hope to hear from some of the boys."

MYRNA KAROL, BOX 71, HALLOCK, MINN. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. I want to correspond with servicemen."

PETRA MEDILLIN, 237 STATE ST., ST. PAUL 1, MINN. . . . "I am 16 years old, black hair and dark eyes. I like music and dancing and love to write letters. I would enjoy writing to servicemen, and hope to make new friends."

GAIL MULENEX, GEN. DEL., BRIDGETON, MO. . . . "I have been reading your magazine for some time and I enjoy it immensely. I would like to have my name listed on your **PEN PALS** pages. I am 17 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, brown hair and brown

eyes. I would like to correspond with men who get very little, or no mail."

RACHEL GARCIA, 1710 WALNUT ST., KANSAS CITY, MO. . . . "I would like to correspond with men in service. I realize how lonely one gets when there is no mail from home. Please rest assured that I will answer every letter that I get."

BARBARA LUND, COPLEY-THAW, RM. 39, PARK COLLEGE, PARKVILLE, MO. . . . "I am 18 years old, brown hair, gray-green eyes and I am 5 feet 5 inches tall. I am a freshman in college taking a liberal arts course, particularly interested in music. I'm part Danish, Cherokee Indian, English and Irish. I love movies, books, music, dancing, swimming and writing anything from letters to short stories. I enjoy riding horses and like all sorts of animals. Love anything and everything connected with the theater. I would love to write to servicemen."

JANET BROWN, 4566 POPE AVE., ST. LOUIS 15, MO. . . . "I am 16 years old, have blonde hair, brown eyes and stand 5 feet 2 inches tall. I love sports and jazz and popular music. I hope to make new friends through this wonderful *PEN PALS* department. I will answer all letters."

MARY LOU LANCASTER, 9531 WEST AVE., ST. LOUIS, MO. . . . "I am 21 years old and very interested in corresponding with servicemen. I will answer all letters received. I have brown hair and brown eyes and I am 5 feet 7 inches tall."

MARIANNE POWER, ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING, MOTHER CONCORDIA HALL, 6420 CLAYTON RD., ST. LOUIS, MO. . . . "I am 19 years old, and I realize the importance of mail to men and women in the services. I, therefore, would like to receive letters from people in all branches of the services. I will answer all letters."

JOYCE MCEVEN, BOX 324, SULLIVAN, MO. . . . "I am 17 years old, black hair, gray eyes and I am 5 feet 6 inches tall. I will answer all letters I receive."

DOTTIEJEANE LIMBECK, 3309 DAVENPORT ST., OMAHA 3, NEBR. . . . "I am 19 years old and have blue eyes and light brown hair. I love to dance and like music of all kinds. I would like to write to servicemen, and I promise to answer all letters I receive."

SHARON KERCSMAR, 16261 JUDSON DRIVE, CLEVELAND, OHIO . . . "I am 16 years old, blue eyes, black hair and I would like to write to servicemen. I am at the present time writing to a pen pal in Alaska, and I would like more pen pals. I will answer all letters faithfully."

BETTY MARQUIS, 312 MORROW ST., GREENVILLE, OHIO . . . "I am very interested in writing to servicemen. I am 16 years old, have brown hair and brown eyes and I am 5 feet tall. I will try to answer all the letters I get."

JEAN NEASE, ROUTE 2, LUCASVILLE, OHIO . . . "I am 16 years old, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5 feet 4 inches tall. I would like very much to write to men in service. I live on a small farm with my parents, and have lots of time to write letters. I will answer promptly."

BEATRICE DERDA, 1027 REYNOLDS RD., MENTOR, OHIO . . . "I am 17 years old, have black hair, hazel eyes, 5 feet 4 inches tall. I am anxious to correspond with servicemen all over the world. I will answer all letters sent to me."

MARGIE GEFFERT, RD. 5, SALEM, OHIO . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, brown hair and gray-green eyes. I like letter-writing and would love to write to servicemen, if they will write to me. I hope I hear from someone."

JANET THOMPSON, 644 E. CHURCH ST., URBANA, OHIO . . . "I am 16 years old and have brown hair and brown eyes. There isn't any more to say other than I will try to do my best to answer all letters."

DONNA CLEMENS, 2734 SOUTH 10TH ST., MILWAUKEE, WISC. . . . "I am 16 years old, have brown hair, blue-gray eyes and want to write to servicemen. I will answer all letters that I receive."

FAR WEST

CELIA CEVEDIA, BOX 1254, ELOY, ARIZ. . . . "I am 16 years old, black hair, brown eyes and I stand 5 feet 3 inches tall. I would very much like to write to a soldier and promise to answer each and every letter I receive."

RAYTHA ROBBINS, 8394 SALT LAKE AVE., BELL, CALIF. . . . "I am 18 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, brown hair and green eyes. I like all outdoor sports. I would like to write to all servicemen and will answer all the letters I receive."

LUCY ROSE AHLBORN, 2441 EDWARDS ST., BERKELEY 2, CALIF. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, long brown hair and brown eyes. I like all sports, especially tennis. I would like to write to servicemen, because I had quite a few servicemen in my family and I know how lonely they got. I will answer each and every letter I receive. How about it, boys?"

JUDY WATERS, 4225 LA SALLE AVE., CULVER CITY, CALIF. . . . "I am interested in corresponding with a GI. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, brown hair and blue eyes."

FLORENCE FREEBERG, 5721 STRATFORD RD., LOS ANGELES 42, CALIF. . . . "I am 29 years old and would like to write to soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen. I am 5 feet 6 inches tall, and have blonde hair and blue eyes. I am very anxious to correspond with the men in service and to do my bit to help bring them a little cheer."

GAY RANSOM, P.O. BOX 651, NIPOMO, CALIF. . . . "I think this is a wonderful thing you are doing and I would like to do my part to help. I would like to write to men and women in the service, no matter where they are stationed. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, light brown hair and blue eyes. I love to write letters and will answer all the letters I receive."

MELODEE CAMPBELL, 11045 CUMPSTON, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, brown eyes, light brown hair. I enjoy almost all sports, music and letter writing. I would like to do my part and cheer up some lonely GI's. This is one girl who means what she says. I will answer all letters I receive without fail."

RUTH HURST, 611 45TH ST., OAKLAND, CALIF. . . . "I am 16 years old, black hair, brown eyes, 5 feet even. I like swimming, roller skating and most every other sport. I know all servicemen like to receive letters from home and I would like to help out. I will write to all who answer this short item. I will also exchange snapshots."

PAT LONG, No. 3 JACENTO LANE, SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. . . . "I am 16 years old and would like to write to servicemen. I realize what a serious undertaking this is and I am well prepared to meet these responsibilities. I will not disappoint the men in service who wait for mail each and every day out of the year. Please write me, fellows, and there will be mail for you at Mail Call."

DIANA GARCIA, BOX 211, ANTONITO, COLO. . . . "I am interested in writing to GI's who do not receive much mail. I will answer all letters. I am 16 years old, have light brown hair and brown eyes and stand 5 feet 2 inches tall. I enjoy writing letters, especially to servicemen. There's a certain comfort in knowing that your letter is doing some good."

EMILY GARCIA, 1002 BLUFF ST., DELTA, COLO. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, green eyes, brown hair. I will do my best to answer all the letters received. Hope to hear from someone soon."

SHIRLEY ANN JENSEN, 653 PARK AVE., POCATELLO, IDAHO . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, a brunette with hazel eyes. I know how much mail means to a lonely GI and would like to do my part by sending letters regularly to anyone who wants to write to me."

ALICE DOSSETT, BOX 1145, SMETTERVILLE, IDAHO . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, brown hair and green eyes. I like all sports and am more than willing to write to all servicemen who wish to correspond with me."

LAURA DICKERSON, 508 WYNOOSKI ST., NEWBURG, ORE. . . . "I would like very much to do my part to help make Mail Call much more pleasant for those servicemen who don't receive much mail. I am 17 years old and have brown hair and brown eyes. I enjoy writing very much and because of that fact, I have pen pals all over the world. I feel that in this way we can all learn what democracy really is, and this is our only solution for an everlasting peace. I will answer all the letters that I receive."

BARBARA JANE GIBSON, ROUTE 1, BOX 146, REDMOND, ORE. . . . "I would consider

it a great honor to have my name listed on your wonderful *PEN PALS* page. I would like very much to correspond with servicemen. I am 21 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, brown hair, hazel eyes. I like most every sport, but most of all I like to write letters. I would like the opportunity to bring home a mite closer for some lonely man in service."

ARLENE BURSON, BOX 183, NEOLA, UTAH . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, long brown hair, hazel eyes. I would like very much to correspond with servicemen in all branches of our armed forces. I know how lonely a person can get being far from home, and I guess the man serving his country gets twice as lonely as the average person. My main interests are dancing, skating and swimming. I hope to hear from some servicemen very shortly."

BARBARA SHARP, 2312 M PLACE, ANACORTES, WASH. . . . "I am 16 years of age, stand 5 feet 7 inches tall, have blue-green eyes. I would like to correspond with any servicemen who would like to write to me. My replies will be as prompt as possible."

DOROTHY MARLENE ATKINS, RT. 1, BOX 186, SPANAW AWAY, WASH. . . . "I am 16 years old, dark hair, dark eyes, 5 feet 2 inches tall. I am now writing to two friends overseas and would like to write to some more. I consider it an honor and a privilege to correspond with the men who are protecting our country."

BETTY KELLER, 1719 WEST KNOX SPOKANE 12, WASH. . . . "I enjoy writing letters and would like to correspond with some lonely GI's overseas. I am 19 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, auburn hair and hazel eyes. I like dancing, ice skating, all other sports and I especially like to bake. Will answer all letters received. Let's hear from you!"

CANADA

CAROL VESPER, P.O. BOX 1085, CRANBROOK, B. C., CANADA . . . "I would like to write to some GI's. I promise to answer all letters that I receive. I am 17 years old, brown hair, green eyes, 5 feet 5 inches tall. I like all sports and dancing a great deal. Let's hear from you, fellows!"

CAROLE DERRY, 5025 NORLAND ST., N. BURNABY, B. C., CANADA . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. People tell me I am pretty and boys seem to enjoy my company. I like sports and dancing, and I promise to answer all letters. I do so want to help the boys in service."

DOREEN GILHAM, BOX 671, POWELL RIVER, B. C., CANADA . . . "I would like to hear from boys in the States or overseas. I am 16 years old, brown hair, blue eyes and I stand 5 feet 2 inches tall. I will try not to let down the boys who write me and who need mail so very badly. I couldn't think of not replying, I realize how important it is to these fellows."

RENA RIDLEY, P.O. BOX 488, PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., CANADA . . . "I will faithfully answer whoever wants to write me. I am 22 years of age, black hair, brown eyes. I am anxious to correspond with men in the service. I am fully aware of the responsibilities of this great undertaking, but I am quite prepared to meet these responsibilities. This, I feel, is one of the most important things a civilian can do to help those who are far from home."

RITA IDA BASQUE, TRACADIE, N. B., CANADA . . . "I am 16 years old, have brown hair, brown eyes and I am 5 feet 5 inches tall. I would like to help bring home closer to all those men and women serving in the armed forces. I will answer all letters I receive."

RENEE C. FEIT, RIVER RYAN, CAPE BRETON, NOVA SCOTIA . . . "I am 18 years old and would like the opportunity to correspond with men in service. They have done, and are doing, a great job to help us at home, and I feel that this is the least we can do for them, especially since it takes so little effort to write a few cheering words."

LOUISE SOENENS, MATACHEWAN, ONTARIO, CANADA . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, blonde hair, blue eyes. I enjoy sports, especially softball, swimming and all winter sports. I also like Western music a great deal. I am greatly interested in writing to pen pals all over the world,

and I feel that men in the service should get top priority. I would like to correspond with a few servicemen, and I will answer all letters promptly."

LEONA SANCHE, MARCELIN, SASK., CANADA . . . "There are probably many, many lonely servicemen who want to receive mail very badly. Well, I would like to help cheer them up and at the same time, help to bring home much closer to them. I am 17 years old and quite anxious to correspond with men in the armed forces. I hope someone will write me. I will answer all the letters I receive."

ALASKA

JANE JEKILL, BOX 1089, JUNEAU, ALASKA . . . "I, like most of the others who have had their names listed in your pages, would like to help the servicemen. I am 5 feet 1 inch tall, 17 years old, fair complexion, brown hair, brown eyes. I enjoy ice skating, hiking, dancing, swimming and boating. I would like to hear from some of you and promise to answer all the mail I receive."

HAWAII

LOUISE RAPOZO, P.O. BOX 143, MAKAWILI, KAUAI, T. H. . . . "I would very much like to write to men in the service. I am 5 feet 7 inches tall and I have brown hair and brown eyes. I like all sports and music. I will be very prompt in answering all letters, and promise to answer every letter that I receive."

HONG KONG

CARY CHIU, 31 VILLAGE RD., HAPPY VALLEY, HONG KONG, CHINA . . . "I am 16 years old and I would love to write to anyone who lives in other parts of the world. I promise to answer all letters that I receive. I like all sports, but my favorite pastime is writing letters. I would love to correspond with people all over the world."

FROM THE SERVICEMEN

LAWRENCE APPLGATE 4540785 AA, CRASK CREW SECTION 4A, NAAS BARIN FIELD, FOLEY, ALA. . . . "I am writing to a few girls from your G. I. JOE PEN PALS, but I would like to write to some more girls."

A/3C JOSEPH WEGSTOFF AF11293569, 3436 STU. SQDN. BOX 201, LOWRY AFB, COLO. . . . "I am 18 years old, have red hair, blue eyes, am 5 feet 6 inches tall. I am very interested in writing, but I have no one to write to. I would be very happy to hear from some of the people back home. I am from Ashland, Massachusetts."

SFC EDDIE ATKISSON RA 14315913, WARD C-15, US ARMY HOSPITAL, FORT BENNING, GA. . . . "I was reading your wonderful book and spotted the Pen Pals feature. I would like to correspond with anyone interested in writing to me. I will answer all letters religiously. I am 23 years old, have green eyes, brown hair, stand 5 feet 11 inches tall and weigh 180 pounds. I like all sports and love to dance. I am very anxious to hear from someone—anyone!"

LUCIANO CALABRO US 56236394, WPNS. CO. 1ST INF. BN., 3RD INF. DIV., FORT BENNING, GA. . . . "I would like to correspond with girls from the California area. This does not mean that I wouldn't like to receive mail from all over the US, but I am from California and you can readily see why I am so interested in getting bits of news from the natives of that great state. I am 23 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall and weigh 160 pounds. I have brown hair and brown eyes."

PFC GILBERT GENEREUX US 55392156, WPNS. CO. 2ND INF. BN., 47TH INF. DIV., FORT BENNING, GA. . . . "I am 22 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall and weigh 150 pounds. I would like to correspond with anyone interested in writing to me."

PVT LUTHER CLAPP US 53246695, STUDENT CO. 24, TSESS, CAMP GORDON, GA. . . . "I am a steady reader of G.I. JOE and enjoy it very much. I have just been drafted and this is my first time away from home. I would like to hear from anyone that wishes to write to me. I am 21 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall and I weigh 175 pounds. I like all sports, especially football. I also enjoy dancing a great deal."

WILLIAM ERNDL US 52283580, STUDENT

CO. 24 TSESS, CAMP GORDON, GA. . . . "The last letter I received was a 'Dear John' from my steady girl, so as you can see, I would like to receive mail from whoever wants to write. I am glad at the opportunity that G.I. JOE is giving me to find new friends. I am 6 feet 4 inches tall, weigh 205 pounds and have black hair and brown eyes. I like all sports, and played football and baseball in school. I would like to exchange snapshots with all the girls who write to me. How about it?"

CPL DONALD BUTE RA19435801, BTRY "B" 504 AAA BN., MAIN POST OFFICE, DEARBORN, MICHIGAN . . . "I have just returned from Korea and find it very difficult to find new friends. When I saw a copy of your fine magazine, I knew that this was the best, and only, way to go about it. I am 20 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall and weigh 170 pounds. I like all sports, especially swimming. I promise to answer all the letters that I receive."

PVT EUGENE DOUGHERTY AR 16450159, 5845 CHASE ST., DETROIT, MICH. . . . "I am 20 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall. I would like to receive letters from girls, principally of the Catholic faith. I will answer all the letters that I receive."

A/3C JAMES GREENE AF 53216390, 3380TH STU. SQDN. BOX 726, KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, BILOXI, MISS. . . . "I wish to thank you and your staff on the wonderful work you are doing. When I started reading your PEN PALS feature I was pretty lonely, but now, through your pages, I've got a few new friends. I would like to correspond with more people, however, and would like to have my name listed in your magazine. I am 6 feet 2 inches tall, weigh 185 pounds and have black hair and brown eyes."

A/2C MABEL VANDERBERRY AA 8206384, 50TH COMM. SQDN., GRANDVIEW AFB, GRANDVIEW, MO. "I've been reading your magazine for some time and very seldom see anyone who wants to write to servicewomen. I did find two and have received very nice letters from them. I would like to write to some more people. I hope you can help me. I am in the US Air Force. I am 19 years old, 5 feet 11 inches tall, have brown hair and hazel eyes. I will answer all letters I receive, gladly and promptly."

PVT NICHOLAS TOMOVICH US 55496223, CO. C, 128TH A.O.M. RES. COM., 6TH ARMD. DIV., FORT LEONARD WOOD, MO. . . . "I read G.I. JOE all the time and I would like to hear from girls because a soldier gets pretty lonesome if he has no one to write to him. I am 20 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall. I will answer all letters."

FRANK WASHINGTON, 98TH T.A.C. HOSP. SQ., LINCOLN A.F.B., NEBR. . . . "I am an airman stationed at Lincoln Air Force Base and would like very much to become a pen pal to some nice girl. I am 24 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weigh 168 pounds and I have black hair and brown eyes. I am from Philadelphia. I like music, sports and most every other activity. I will answer every letter I receive."

PVT RICHARD BUCKLAND 16210808, CO. K 273RD INF. REG. 1ST PLT., FORT DIX, N. J. . . . "I am 23 years old and have just arrived at Dix. I would very much like to hear from girls who would be interested in writing to me. I am 5 feet 9 inches tall. I will answer all letters as soon as possible. Please write!"

A/3C JOHN MAHONEY AF 11276529, 6580TH USAF HOSPITAL, HOLLOMAN A.F.B., N. M. . . . "I am 5 feet 6 inches tall, auburn hair and lonely. I come from New York and would like to hear from some girl who would like to write. I am a medic in the maternity ward here at Holloman. Please write. I'm waiting to hear from you."

A/3C HENRY STANLEY AF 12441955, 6TH PMS BOX 264, WALKER AFB, N. M. . . . "I come from one of the New England States and I get very little mail. I am 20 years old, have black hair and hazel eyes. I would like to write to any girls from 17 to 20, or anywhere around that age group. I will also write to any girls in the States, Europe, or anywhere in the world. I promise to answer each and every letter, and if at all possible, I'll try to answer them the very day I receive them. I hope someone will write soon."

PFC DARIO LOPEZ USMC, RADIO RELAY & CONST. CO., 8TH COMM. BN., CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C. . . . "I am 20 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, have brown hair and

brown eyes. I will appreciate any letters and will answer them all."

THE MAILBAG

CAROL GIBBSON . . . "The following is a run-down of the letters I have received from the servicemen. (My name and address appeared in the September No. 35 issue of G.I. JOE):

OVERSEAS	623
STATESIDE	477
CANADIAN	25
CIVILIANS	31

TOTAL . . . 1,156

I've answered each and every one and have made lots of new friends. Thank you very much for printing my name and giving me this opportunity to help."

EDITOR'S NOTE: How about all of you other girls who have had your name listed on our PEN PALS PAGES? How many letters have YOU received? Let's hear from you—shoot your box scores in and we'll be glad to print them!

While we're at it, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for patiently bearing with us through the long selection and screening processes that each letter must undergo. Please rest assured that your letter is given every consideration by our staff.

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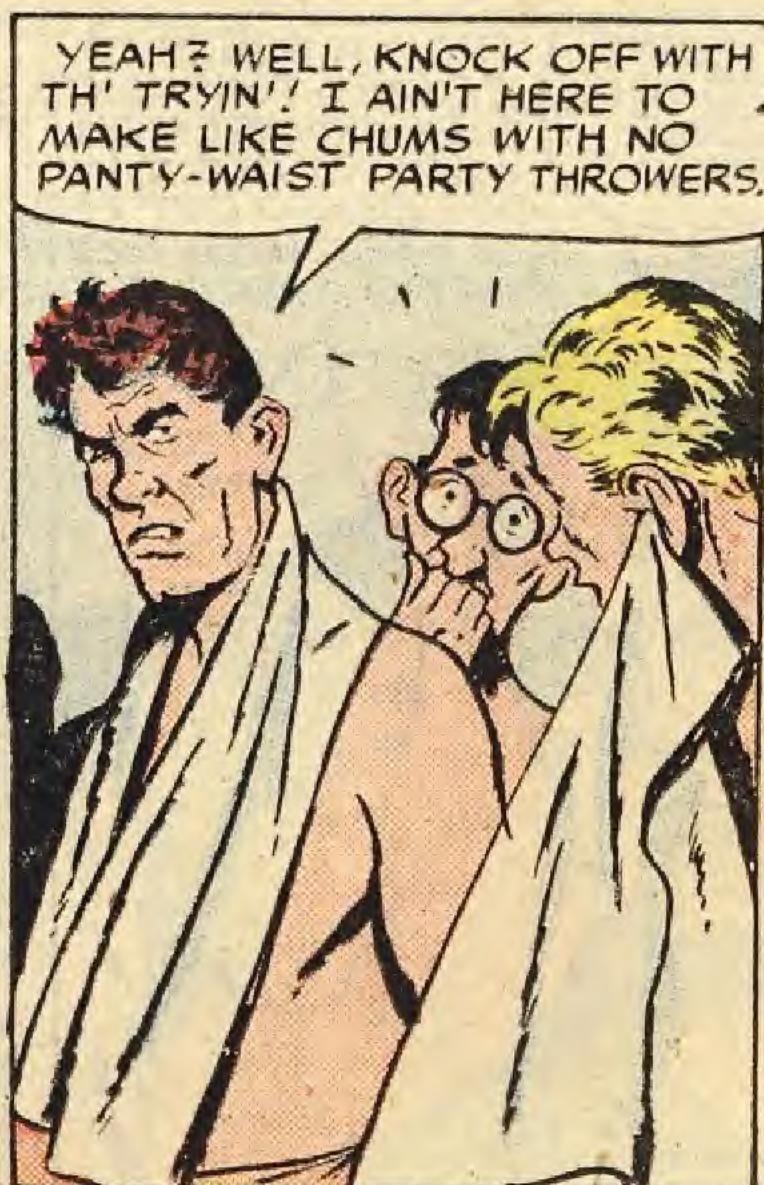
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The BAD ONE

WHEN BRICK MORGAN JOINED "BAKER" COMPANY AS A REPLACEMENT, IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE THE MEN WERE SURE HE WAS OUT TO PROVE THE TRUTH OF THE OLD SAYING: "THERE'S USUALLY **ONE** BAD APPLE IN EVERY BARREL."

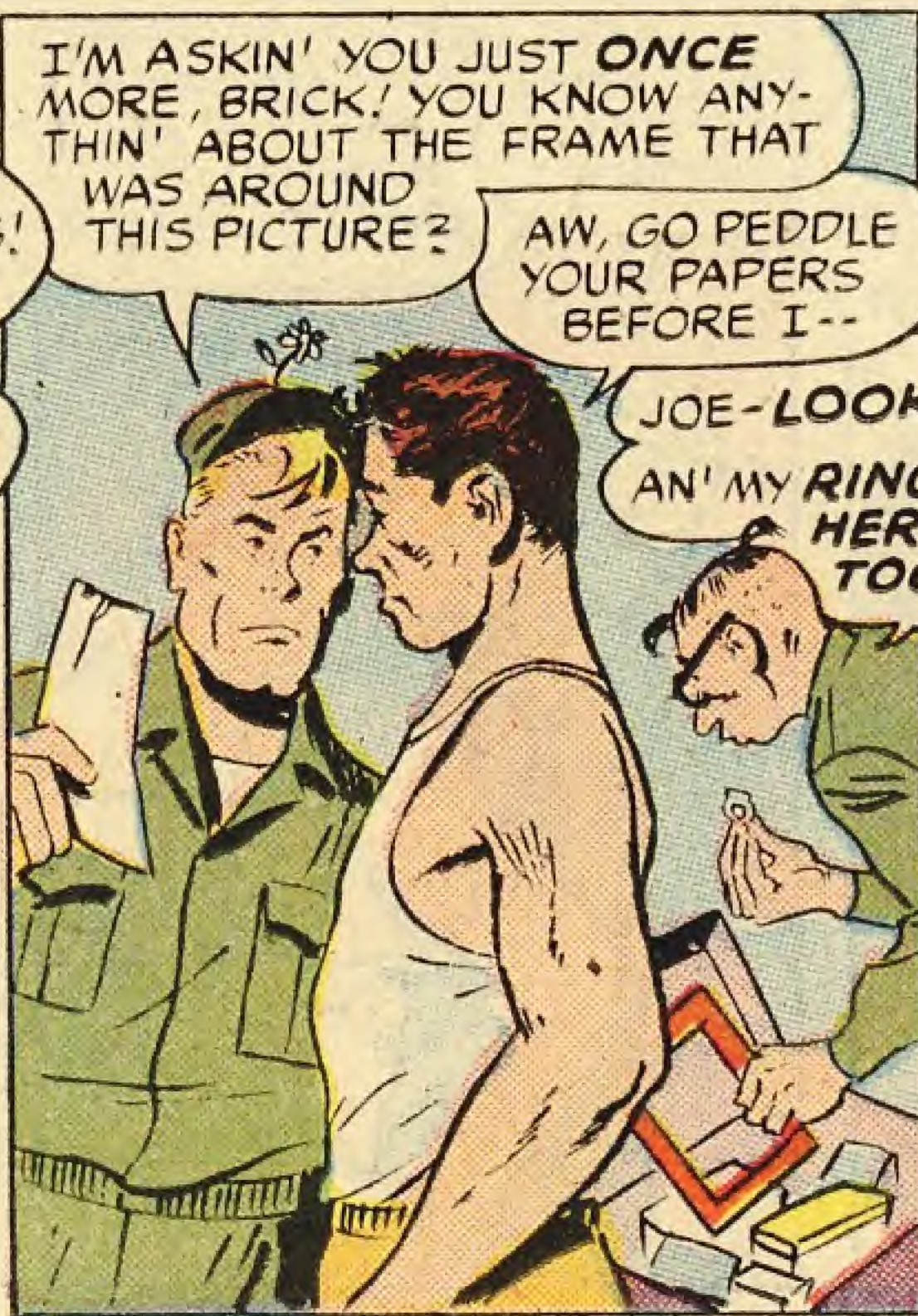


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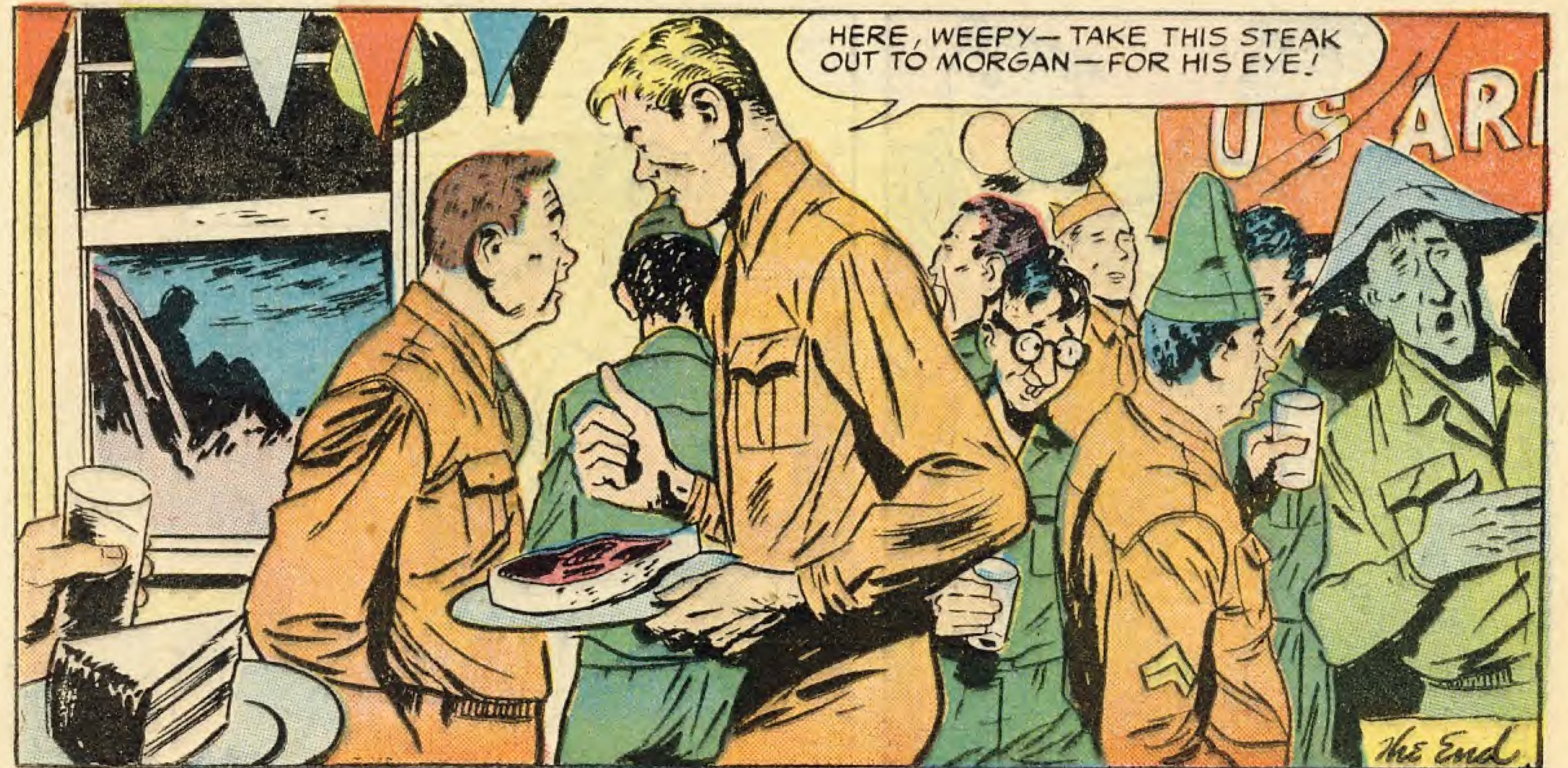
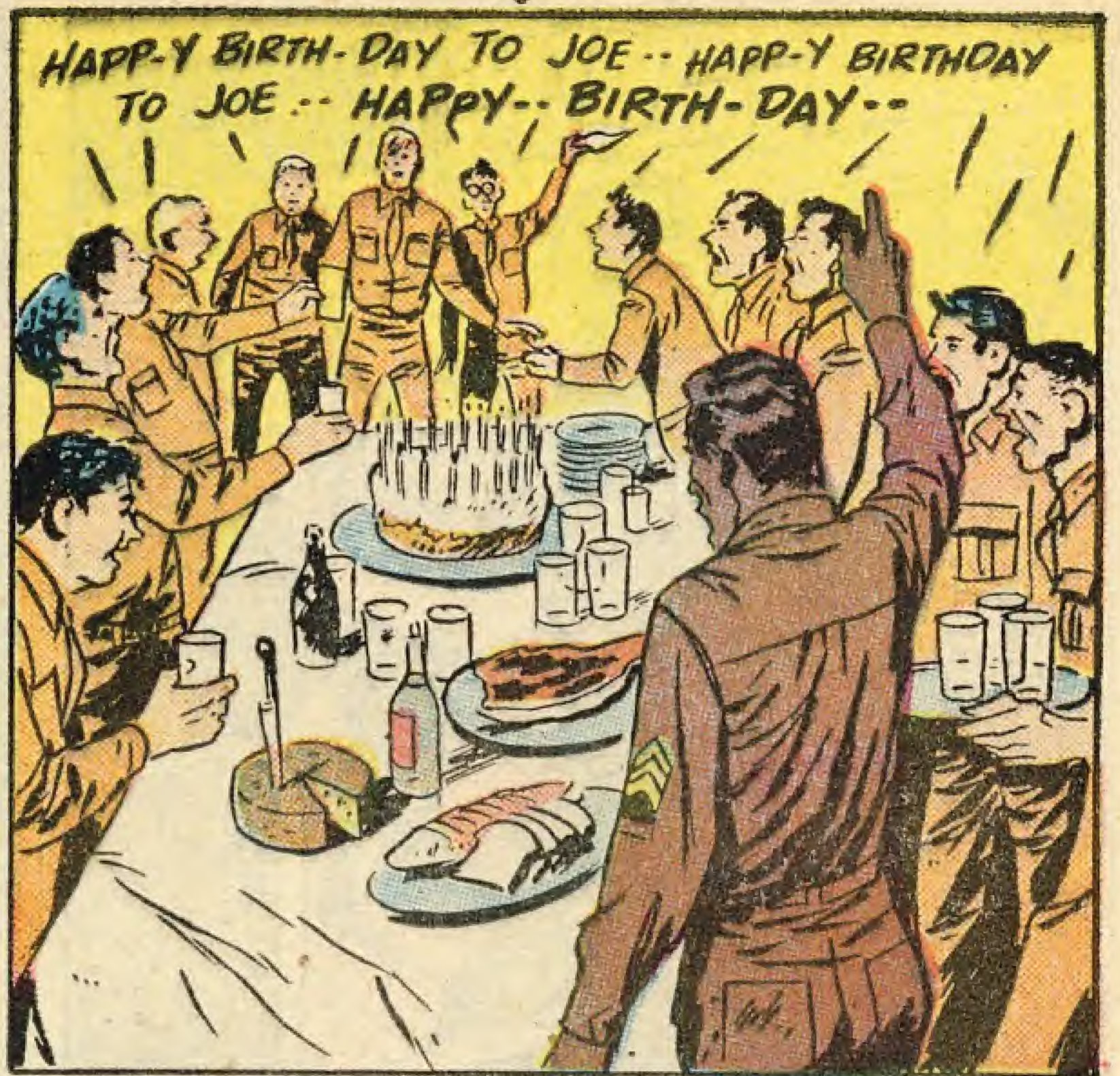












DEAR GERTRUDE

Tokyo, Japan
March 29, 1955

Dear Gertrude,

I know how patient you have been about waiting to marry me, and I can't say that I blame you. But with you all the way out there in Indiana and me all the way out here in Japan, it was almost impossible. Now hold onto your divan, Babe, 'cause I got news for you that's so exciting you're liable to go right through the floor, just like old man Kennywhistle did that day in your Mom's parlor. Hah! I'll never forget it—there we were sitting around and talking about the weather and just about everything else, and who should walk in but Mr. Morgan. Why, when he brushed right past old man Kennywhistle, all 300 pounds of him—Mr. Morgan, I mean—and let out that high-pitched “oink” of his, remember how Mr. Kennywhistle dived right off the couch and went plumb through the parlor floor? Being a baker in town, Mr. Kennywhistle hardly ever saw pigs the size of Mr. Morgan. Didn't even know they grew that big, he said as we lifted him out of the broken flooring. We sure got a big laugh out of that one, didn't we, honey?

Well, to get back to what I was saying . . . we both know how anxious you are to marry me. And now, Gertrude, it can be done right away. You know me real good, Babe, and you know that when I say something I really mean it. The reason all this is possible—marrying me, I mean—is because . . . oh, oh, here comes Orville Cot, and I notice that we will be late for another meeting with Mr. Soo-Soo.

I'll write you all about it tomorrow.

xxxxxxx (That means kisses)

Your ever-lovin'-husband-to-be,
Sam Cosgrove, Pvt., U. S. Army

P.S.: Start packing!

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Tokyo, Japan
March 29, 1955

Dear Gertrude,

Boy! This is getting better and better all the time. After that meeting with Mr. Soo-Soo yesterday, I'm almost willing to send for you right away instead of the first of next month like Mr. Soo-Soo and Orville Cot suggested. In fact, I told them yesterday, when Soo-Soo notified me that he's also giving me three additional factories, that I'm going to send for you right away. But they said wait 'til the first, Sam—it's only a few days away.

Gosh! You know, here I've been writing you about factories and this guy Mr. Soo-Soo, when it first dawned on me that you don't know what it's all about. Just like the time Calvin MacRack punched me once each day right in the nose back there in the seventh grade. Boy! I'll never forget that, and neither will you, I'll bet. Remember how just as school was starting, Calvin would walk

over, just like he timed it by alarm clock or something, and BANG! right in the snoot. This went on for a whole month, and one day when you said to me, Sam, why does Calvin clout you in the snoot? it first dawned on me to ask him. I'll never forget what he said. He said, Sam—I hit you in the nose because I like to. Well, you could well imagine how angry that made me—angrier than somewhat. I said to Calvin—Well, Cal, that certainly is not a real good excuse to clout me every day, and from now on you had better stop clouting me, because I can do a little myself—clouting, I mean. Funniest thing, Babe, he stopped hitting me, and if you had never asked me, way back there in the seventh grade, why Calvin clouted me, he'd have gone on clouting me right up to the time I went into the army. How is Calvin, by the way? The last I heard he became a professional fighter and lost the first 100 fights he fought. Guess he was sort of out of practice.

To get back to what I was saying before I was reminded of Calvin MacRack, I met this guy, Mr. Soo-Soo, through Orville Cot, my very best friend, the best in the whole wide world, and if there are any people on Mars or Jupiter or whatever else planets there are, well, Babe, he's better than all of them.

One day last week, while I was sipping a brew in the service club, Orville, my very best buddy, ran in and asked me whether I had a few bucks to lend to this Japanese friend of his, a guy by the name of Soo-Soo, a very rich old guy, and very—I think they call it—concentric. For a guy who owned so many factories and properties to be stranded in down town Tokyo without a cent was hard to believe. But that's the way he always acted, Orville explained to me. He also said that Mr. Soo-Soo was heartbroken because he had this very important meeting with stockholders—I said I didn't know he owned cattle, too—and didn't have any money to get to the meeting. Well, when I gave him a few bucks for the cab fare, he was so grateful—Mr. Soo-Soo—he said that he would never forget me as long as he lived, and judging from his looks and about how old I thought he was, there wasn't much time for him to remember.

Well, Orville and I went back into the service club, and I was so grateful to Orville for giving me this opportunity to do a good deed that I bought him a brew. A few minutes later, when I asked Orville how soon Mr. Soo-Soo would pay me back, he looked at me and said: Remember what he said, Sam, he'll never forget you. And that's what happened, because the next day—Gosh! I've got to close for now, Babe—lights out. Will finish tomorrow.

xxxxxxx (That means kisses)

Your ever-lovin'-husband-to-be,
Sam Cosgrove, Pvt., U. S. Army

P.S.: Are you packed yet?

Tokyo, Japan
March 30, 1955

Dear Gertrude,

As I was saying yesterday, before the lights went out—they always seem to go out just as I am writing a letter to you. You know, they never go out when I'm flat on my back waiting for them to go out. I know this sounds awful silly because we all know when they go out—at ten o'clock—but we are never ready for them. I just thought I'd better tell you that I am writing *this* letter at three o'clock in the afternoon, so there is no danger of being caught again like I was yesterday when I started to tell you all about Mr. Soo-Soo. Well, as I was saying, the next day—that is the day after I gave Mr. Soo-Soo the money for cab fare to attend the meeting where they were "holding" cattle—Mr. Soo-Soo called on me and boy! was I surprised at what he had to say. I was sitting in the barracks shining the colonel's shoes, because I shine the best shoes in the outfit and the colonel won't let anyone else touch his shoes, and Mr. Soo-Soo came in. Naturally, my very best buddy, and the best fellow in the world, Orville Cot, was with him. Mr. Soo-Soo said to me, Sam, you have done me a great service by giving me the money for that very important meeting with the stockholders, and I told you I wouldn't forget it. Well this is still Mr. Soo-Soo talking, Babe—right after the meeting I paid a visit to my doctor and he told me that I have to retire. He said that if I don't I won't be around long. So I have decided to turn over my businesses to you to run, and eventually you can control each and every one of them. Boy! Was I excited, and how do you like that, Babe—this makes me pretty important, doesn't it? He went on to say that one look at me told him that I was bright, brilliant and a very good businessman. And then he pulled all sorts of papers out of his pockets for me to sign on the first of next month.

You can well imagine how good all this made me feel, especially since as the days went by, he kept adding more and more factories. Now you know why I am so anxious for you to come to Japan to marry me. But, as Mr. Soo-Soo and Orville said, don't do anything until the first of next month, which, after looking at a calendar, is only a few days away. That's when I sign all the papers.

xxxxxxx (That means kisses)

Your ever-lovin'-husband-to-be,
Sam Cosgrove, Pvt., U. S. Army

P.S.: Are you sure you put everything in your suitcases?

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Tokyo, Japan
March 31, 1955

Dear Gertrude,

Well, tomorrow is the big day! Tomorrow is when I sign those papers that will make me a millionaire and also—this is very important—your ever-lovin' husband. I'm so excited I can't seem to write any more.

xxxxxxx (That means kisses)

Your ever-lovin'-husband-to-be,
Sam Cosgrove, Pvt., U. S. Army

P.S.: Will send the airplane tickets in tomorrow's letter.

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Tokyo, Japan
April 3, 1955

Dear Gertrude,

Before I start I want to say that you can start to unpack and also that Orville Cot is the lowest, dirtiest guy I ever knew. Don't you dare ever mention his name in any letter you send me from now on, because if you do, I will not even open the letter to read it.

The way it all happened was this: I woke up on the morning of the first of April all excited about taking over these companies from Mr. Soo-Soo. Pvt. Cot—I won't even call him by his first name, and if it wasn't necessary to mention him, I wouldn't even call him by his *last*—came in and said are you ready, Sam? I told him I sure was and so we went into town to meet Mr. Soo-Soo. Boy! You could well imagine how surprised I was to see almost all the guys in the outfit sitting in this restaurant with Mr. Soo-Soo. Well, Babe, Mr. Soo-Soo pulled these papers out his pocket and gave me his pen to sign them. I sat down and unfolded the papers, and then it hit me. On each and every paper, every blessed one of them, was written two words: *APRIL FOOL!!* I was a little more surprised than somewhat, and when I looked up all the guys yelled: *APRIL FOOL!!* Then Pvt. Cot explained—all the while he was laughing—how they all hired this Japanese man and told him what to say to me, and this was all a great big joke. Ha, ha. Well, I wanted to show them that I was a good sport and I laughed with them, but then I couldn't hold myself back and I bawled like a baby. I walked out of the restaurant and left them all standing there. Funny thing, Babe, when I walked out, not one of them laughed or even smiled.

I am too sick and angry to write any more. I am truly sorry.

Sam Cosgrove, Pvt., U. S. Army

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Tokyo, Japan
April 4, 1955

Dear Gertrude,

Everything's okay now, all the guys—it was really Orville's idea—chipped in and took me out to a big dinner, because, they said, I was the best sport in the whole wide world—and I agree with them. They also gave me—and this surprised me no end—one hundred dollars in cash.

So, all is forgiven, Babe, and the only thing that bothers me is that you will have to wait a little while longer before your dreams of marrying me can be fulfilled.

xxxxxxx (That means kisses)

Your ever-lovin'-husband-to-be,
Sam Cosgrove, Pvt., U. S. Army

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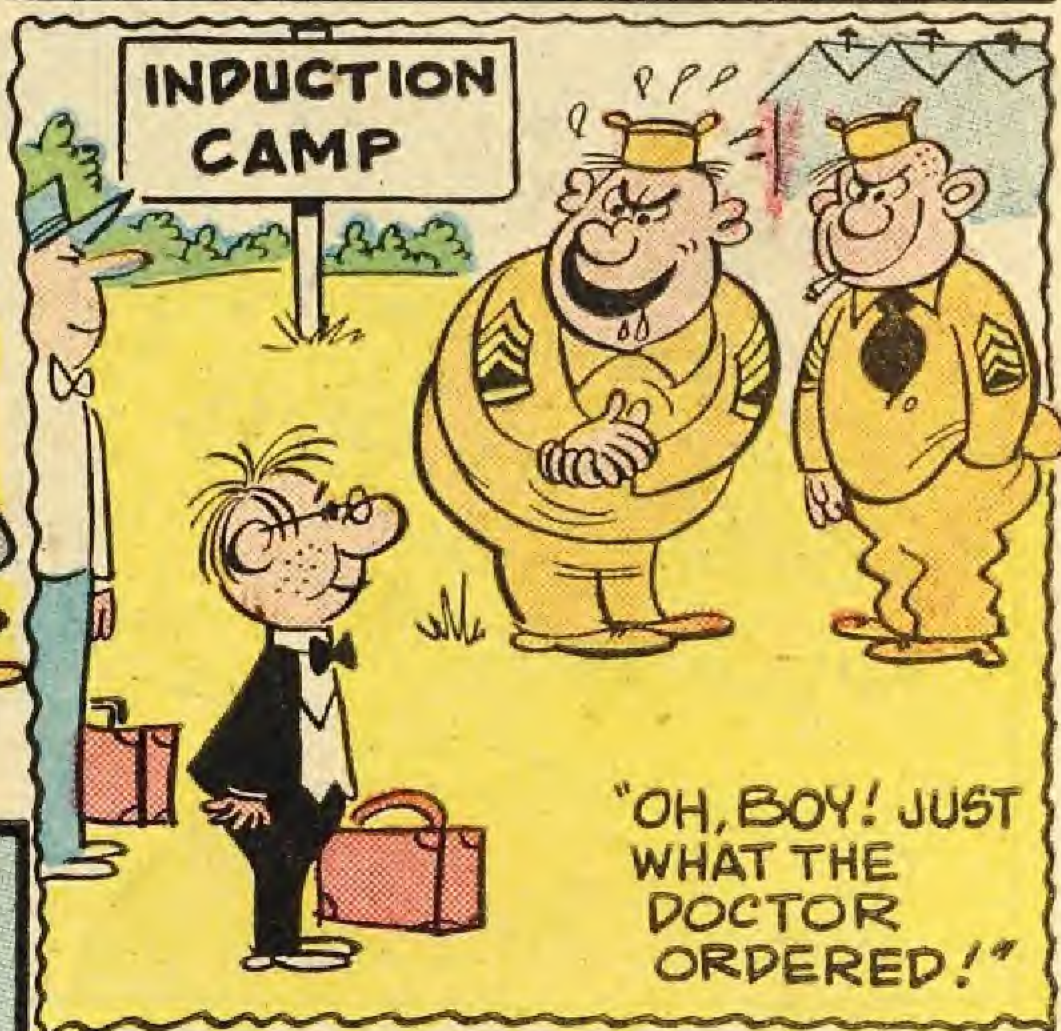
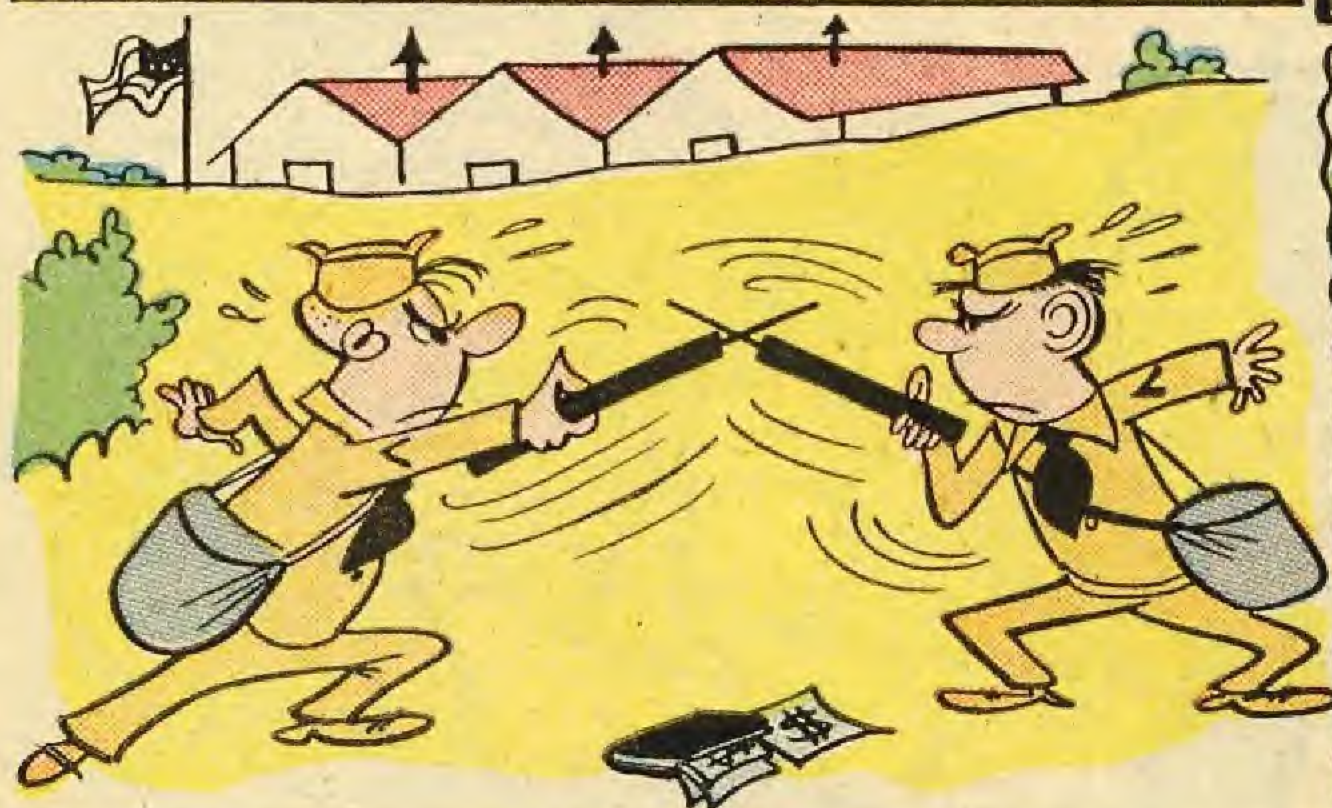
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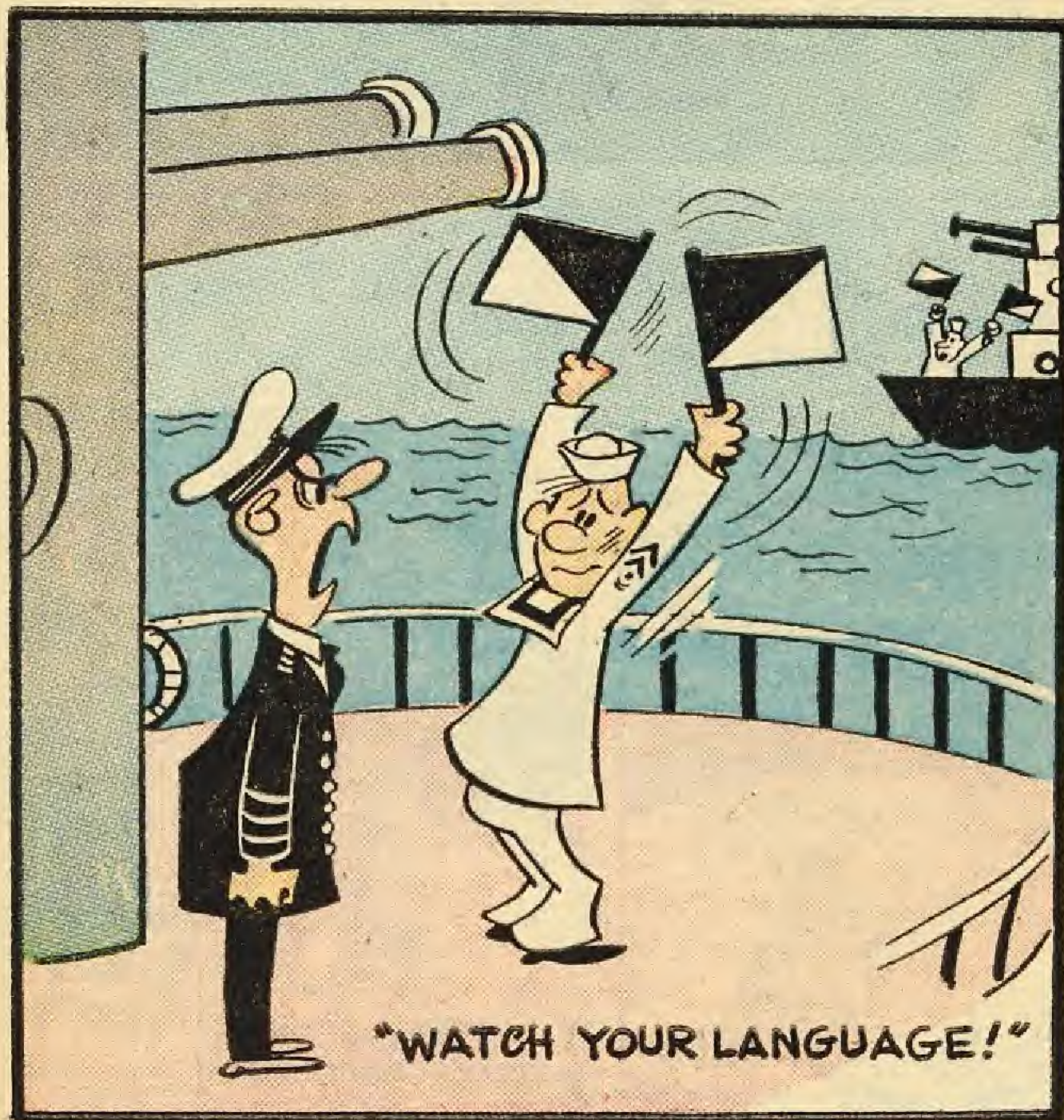
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"EVEN WHEN HE SLEEPS HE CAN'T
KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT!"



"OH, BOY! JUST
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"WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE!"



"I JUST TOLD THEM THAT A LOT OF
GUYS STRUCK OIL THAT WAY!"

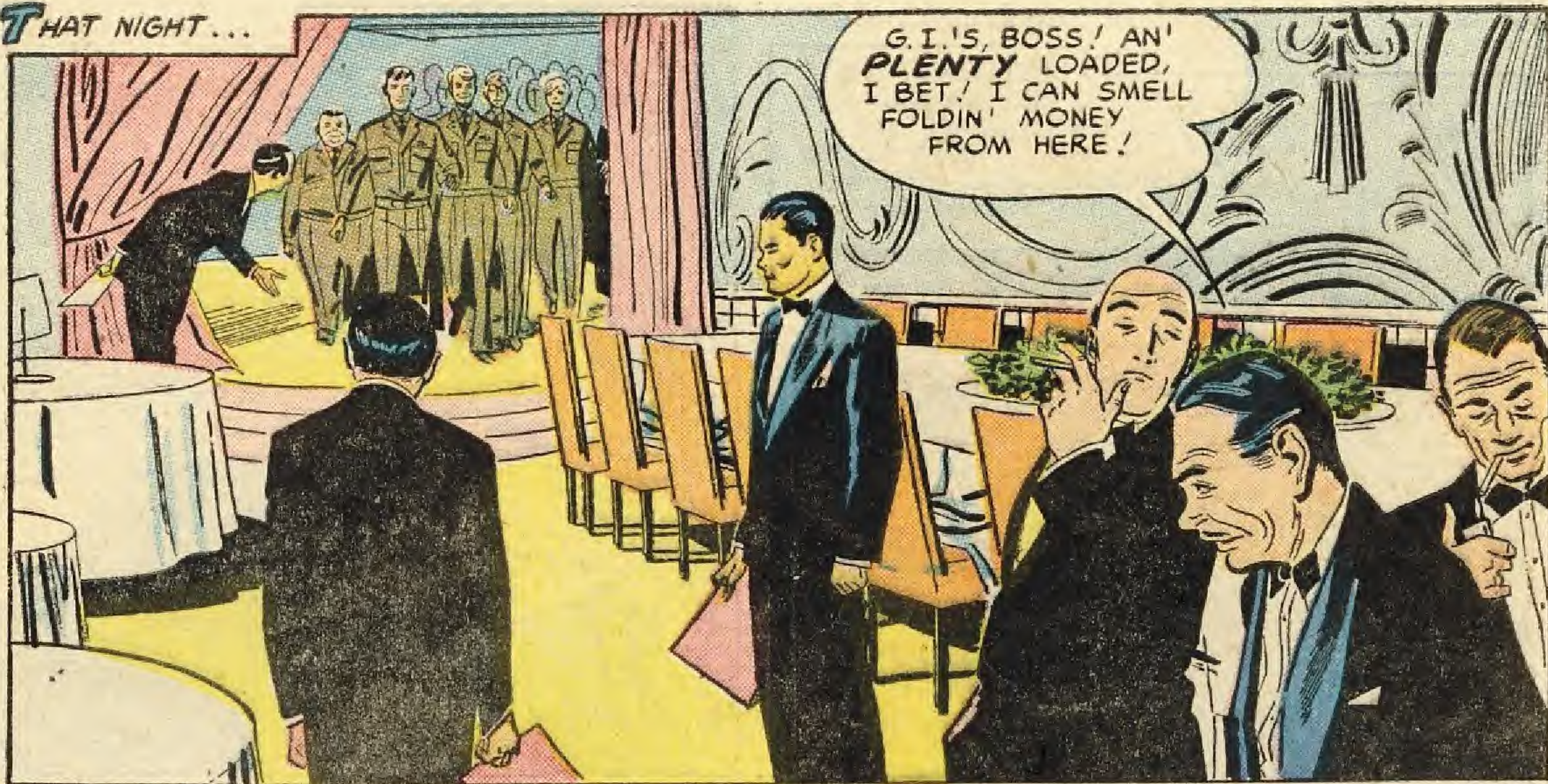
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THAT NIGHT...



YEAH! -- MOVE IN ON 'EM WHEN TH' PARTY GETS ROLLIN', MAXIE! MAKE IT NICE AN' SUBTLE! WE'LL GET SOME OF 'EM BACK TO TH' HOTEL AN' GIVE 'EM TH' WORKS! MAYBE THIS TRIP TO JAPAN WILL PAY OFF AFTER ALL!



QUITE A WHILE LATER...

HUH? GIMME THAT AGAIN?



OKAY, YOU GUYS - TH' LOOTENANT'S GONNA BE A LITTLE LATE, BUT HE'LL **BE** HERE! HE SAYS FOR US NOT TO WAIT!

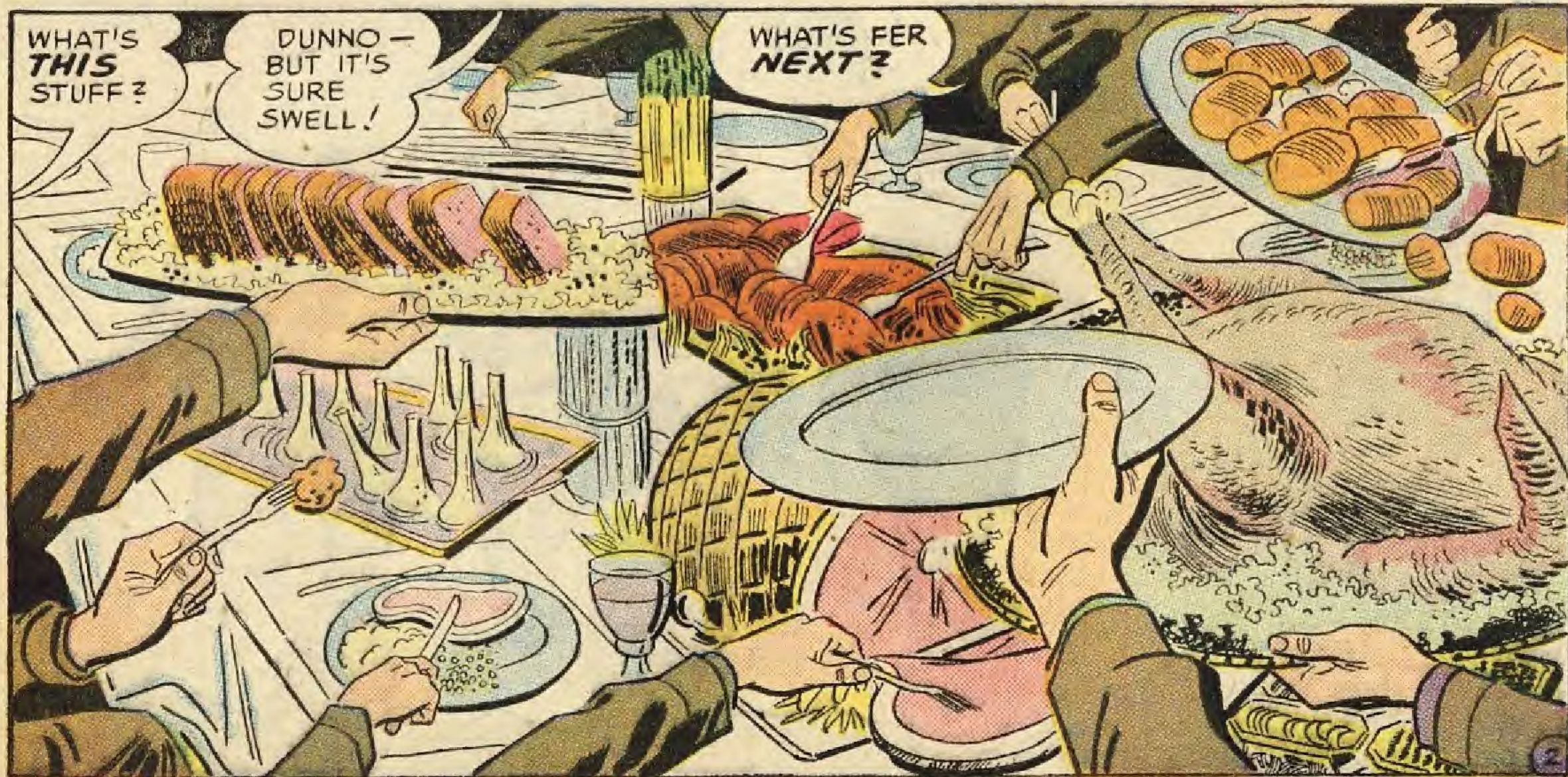
'YA-HOO!



WHAT'S **THIS** STUFF?

DUNNO - BUT IT'S SURE SWELL!

WHAT'S FER **NEXT**?



AND AS THE PARTY PROGRESSES, STILL WITHOUT ITS HONOR GUEST...



HI, FELLERS! IT'S SURE GOOD TO SEE A BUNCH OF FELLOW AMERICANS AGAIN! ME PARTNERS AN' ME CAME TO TOKYO ON A BUSINESS DEAL—BUT WE SURE MISS THE STATES!



OKAY, IF I SIT DOWN...?

THANKS! YOU GO RIGHT AHEAD AN' EAT! YA GOT IT COMIN', YA POOR GUYS! ALL DEM MONTHS OUT IN KOREA—WIT' NOBODY HELPIN' YA...!



BELIEVE ME, IF I WAS RUNNIN' T'INGS, I WOULDN'T LET **OUR** GUYS DO ALL TH' DIRTY WORK!



I'D SEE TO IT THEM **OTHER** GUYS TOOK A SWING AT TH' BALL! I'D GET **ACTION** OUTA DEM FRENCHMEN AN' GREEKS AN' AUSTRALIANS—AN' TH' REST OF 'EM! AN' AS FER THEM LITTLE SOUT' KOREANS...

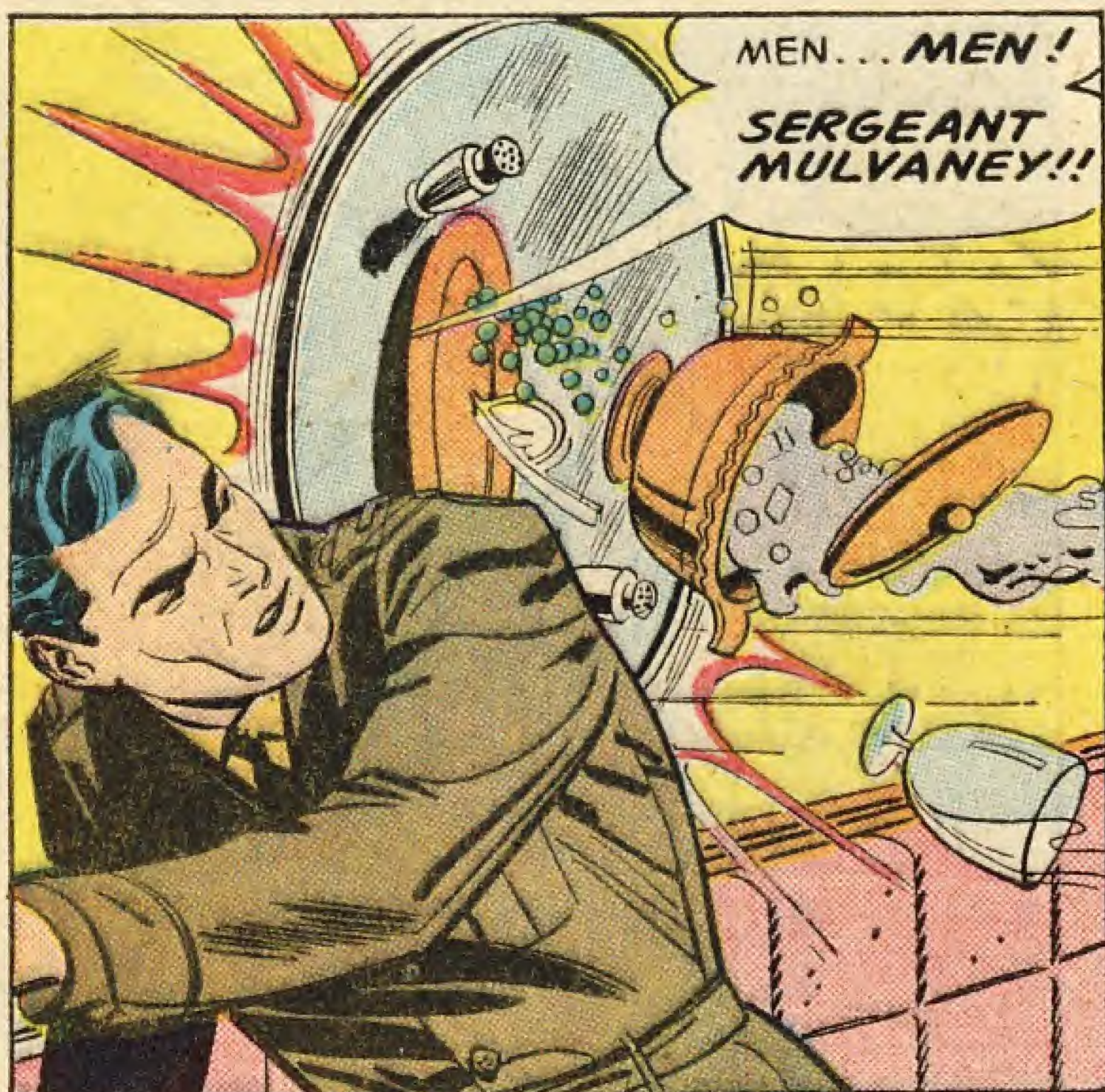
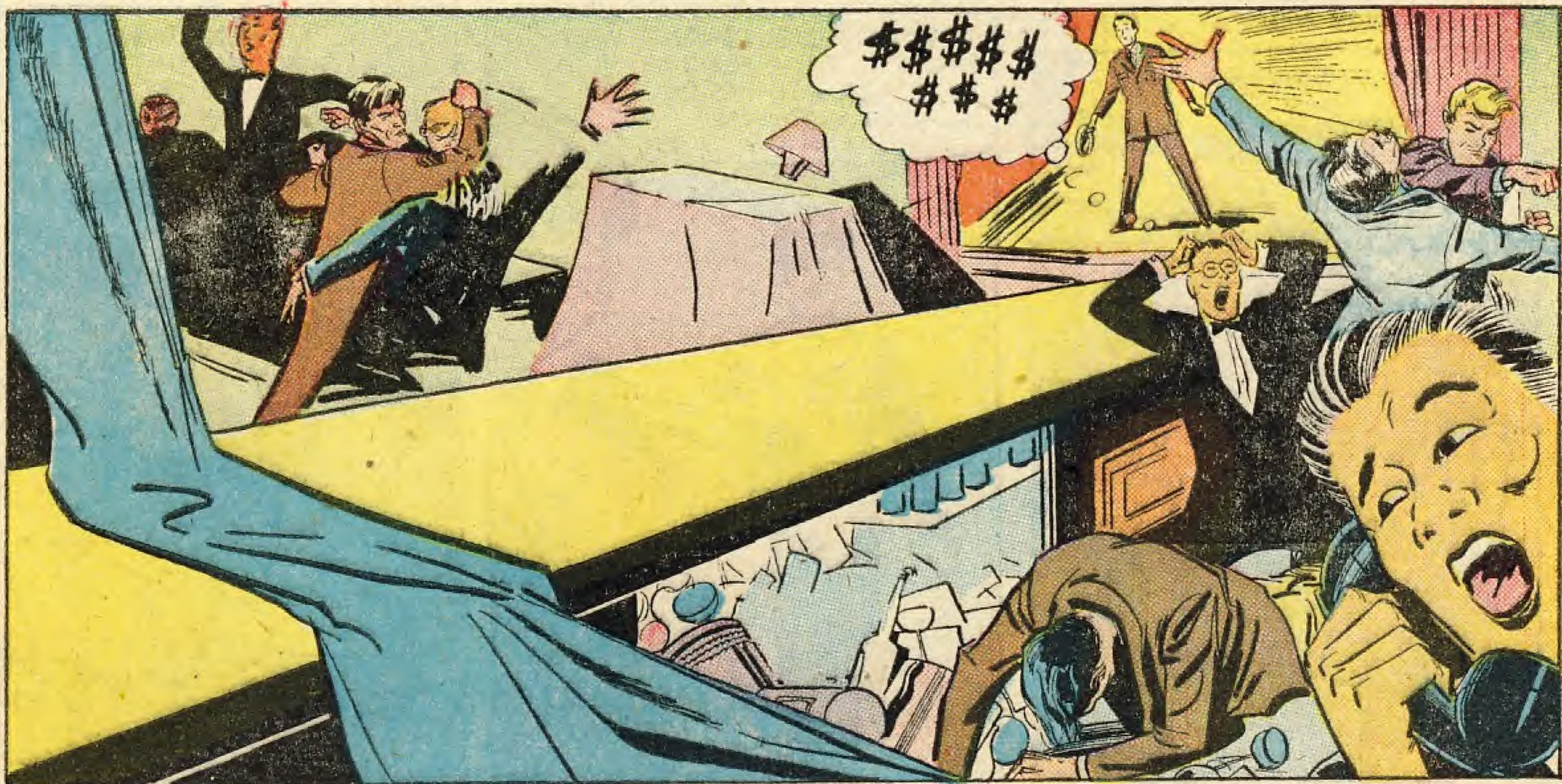


... I'D MAKE SURE THEY DIDN'T RUN LIKE RATS WHENEVER TH' GOIN' GOT ROUGH!!!



AT THAT VERY MOMENT, OUTSIDE...





BUT IN THE NEXT INSTANT...



AND BEFORE LONG...



THE NEXT MORNING...



ON YER FEET, KIDDIES! YER MAMA'S HERE— WITH A LITTLE SOMETHIN' TO SAY TO YA!

OH-OH! TH' LOOTENANT!



WELL, MEN— WHEN YOU PLANNED LAST NIGHT'S PARTY, I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD END UP QUITE LIKE THIS!

WE DIDN'T EITHER, LOOTENANT! IT WAS JUST— WELL, IT SORTA WORKED OUT DIFFERENT THAN WE FIGGERED!



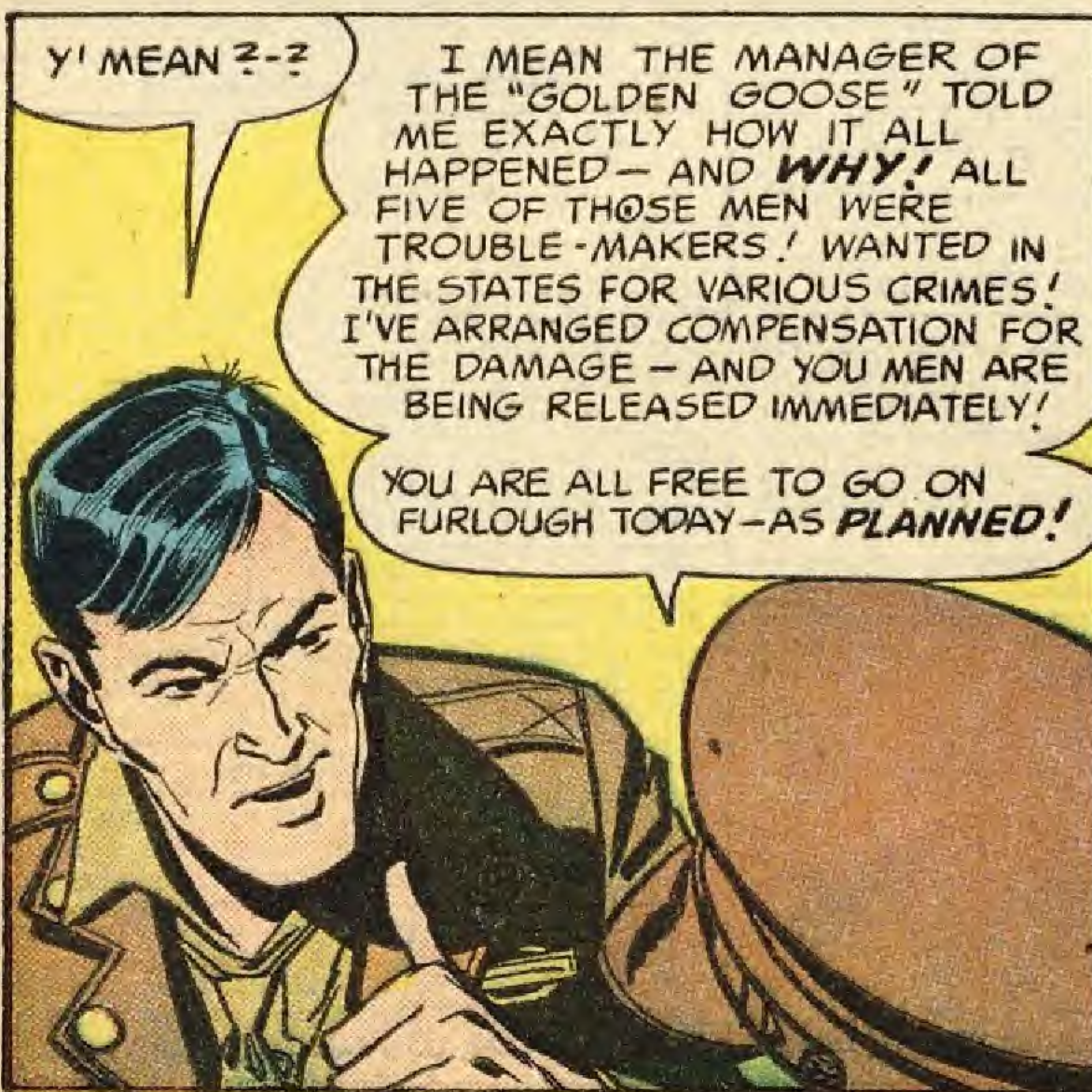
YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT YOU WERE ALL SCHEDULED TO GO ON FURLOUGH TODAY...

GUESS WE'RE GONNA SPEND IT **HERE**, HUH, LOOTENANT?



I'VE NEVER COUNTENANCED PUBLIC BRAWLS, MEN, AND I'M NOT DOING SO NOW, BUT--

--WELL, AS LONG AS BAKER COMPANY FELT IMPELLED TO INDULGE IN THIS PARTICULAR ONE— MAY I SAY I'M SORRY I MISSED IT?



Y' MEAN ?-?

I MEAN THE MANAGER OF THE "GOLDEN GOOSE" TOLD ME EXACTLY HOW IT ALL HAPPENED— AND **WHY!** ALL FIVE OF THOSE MEN WERE TROUBLE-MAKERS! WANTED IN THE STATES FOR VARIOUS CRIMES! I'VE ARRANGED COMPENSATION FOR THE DAMAGE— AND YOU MEN ARE BEING RELEASED IMMEDIATELY!

YOU ARE ALL FREE TO GO ON FURLOUGH TODAY— AS **PLANNED!**



Y'KNOW, LIEUTENANT— A LOT OF TIMES OUT IN KOREA, WE USED TO WONDER WHAT IT **WAS** WE WERE FIGHTING FOR!

WELL, SIR— IT'S FUNNY, BUT LAST NIGHT I THINK WE FINALLY FOUND OUT!

The End

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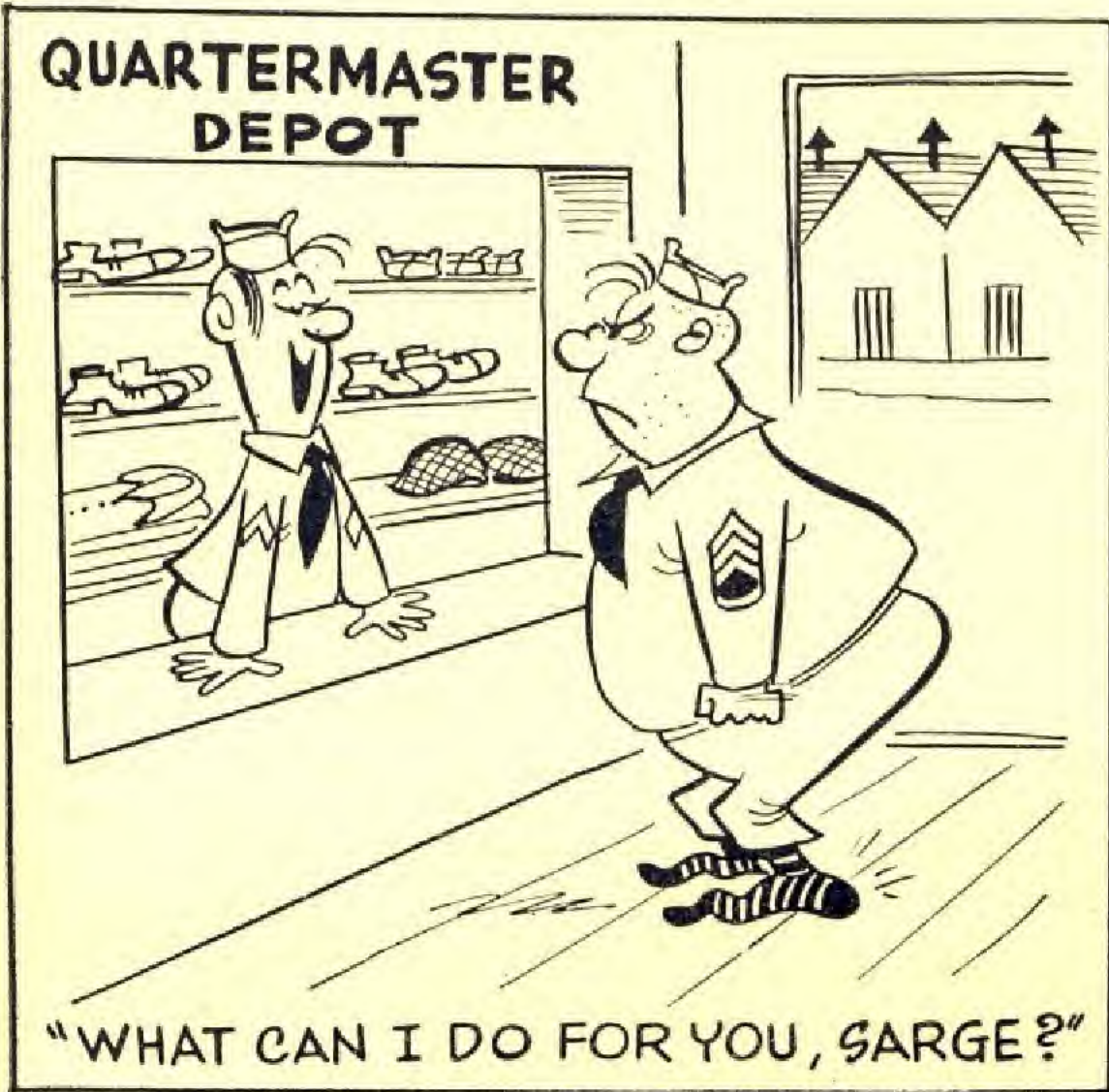
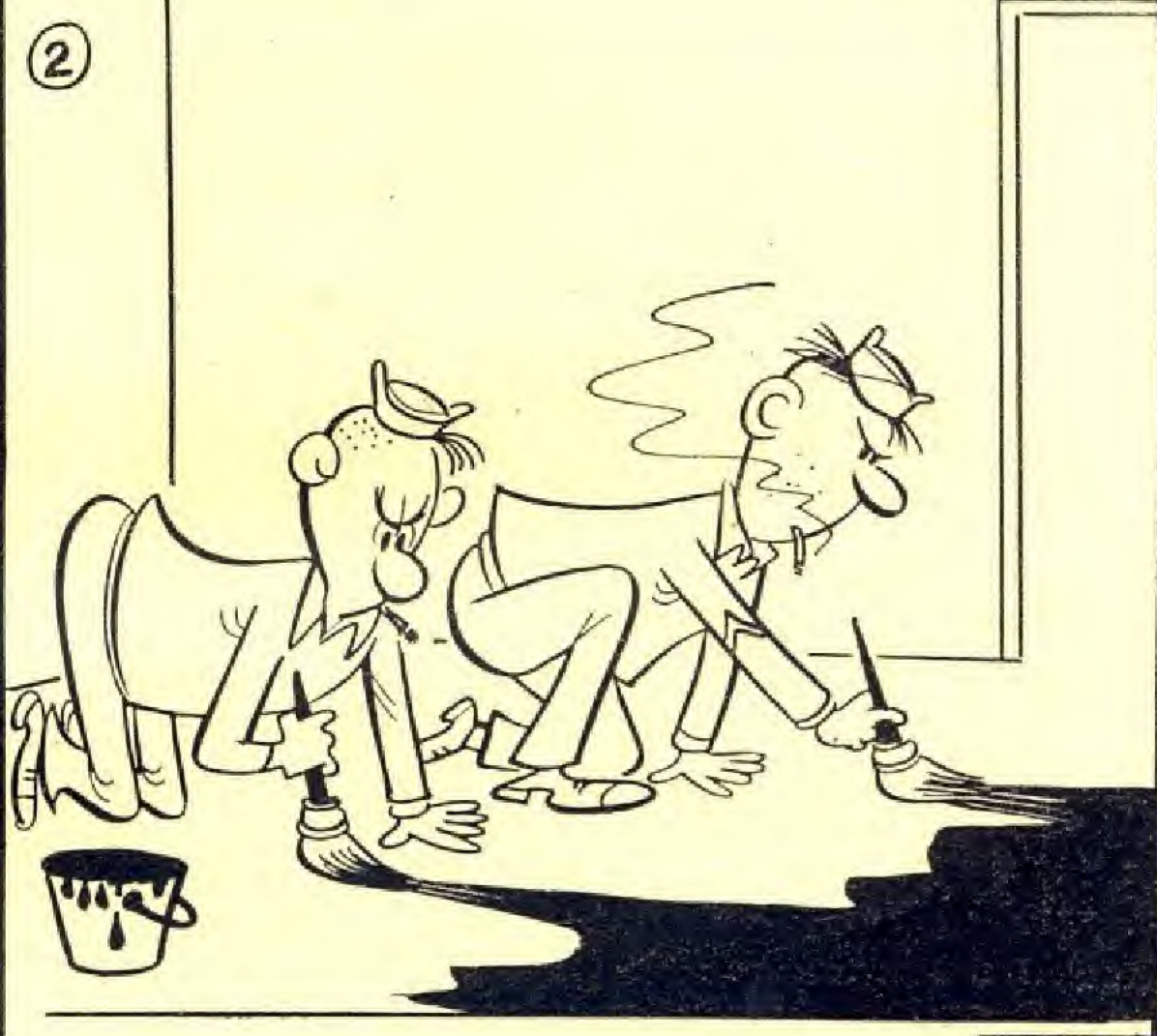
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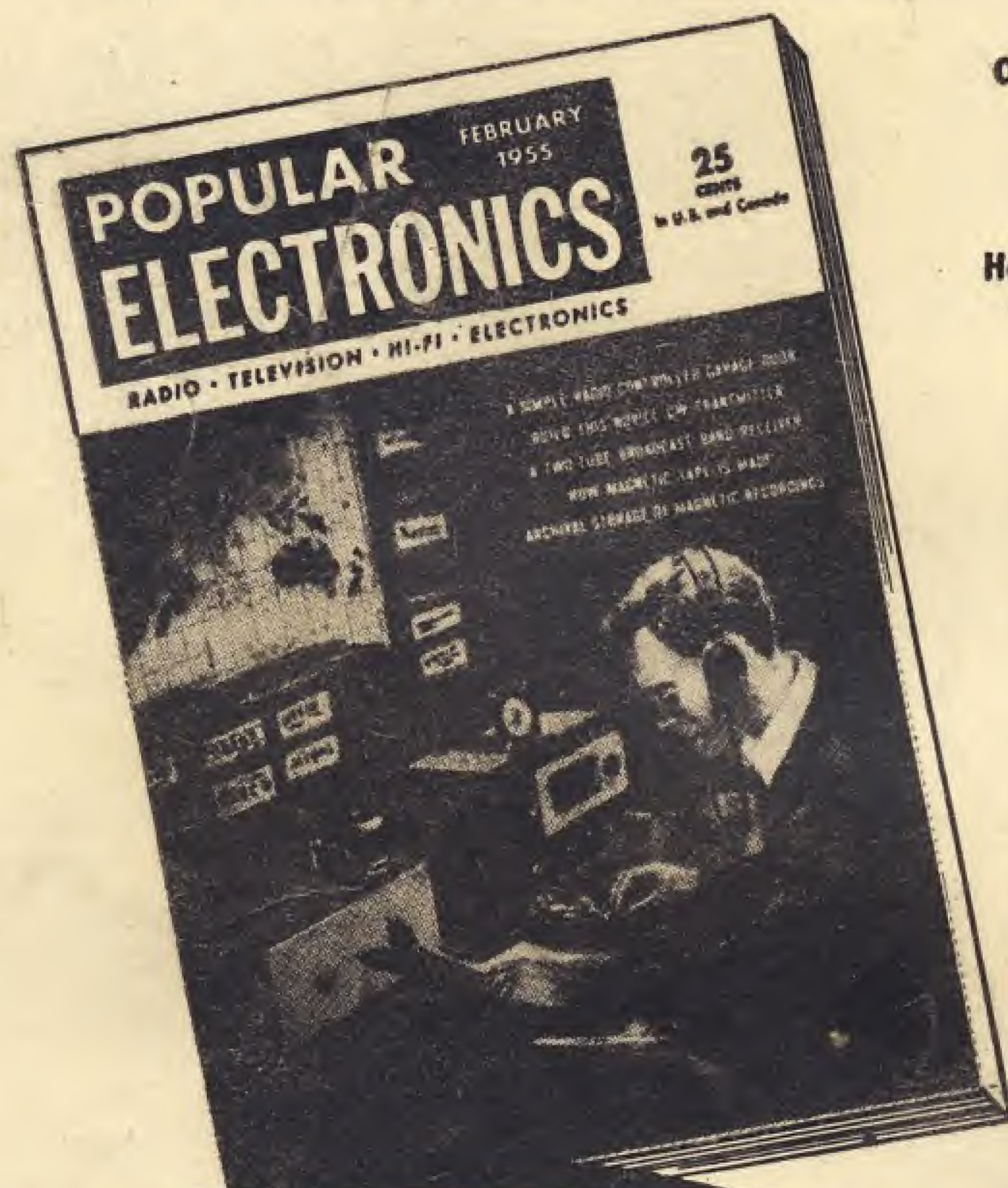
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